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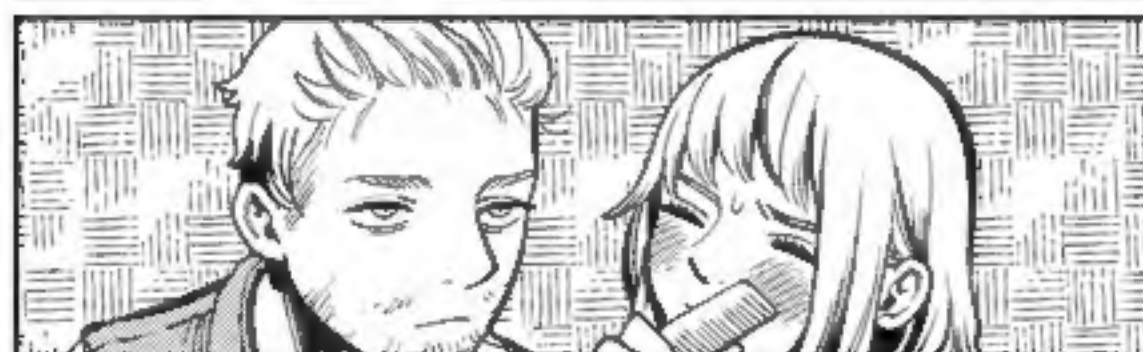
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CHAPTER 57





57. STEWED HEAD





SO—

I KNOW.

"BE RESPECTFUL," RIGHT?



...LISTEN.

THE PERSON WE'RE GOING TO MEET IS MY FRIEND AND A TEACHER I'M INDEBTED TO...

SHE'S A KIND, FUN PERSON, BUT SHE CAN BE STRICT.



...AND SHE THINKS YOU TOOK ME AWAY BY FORCE.

HA
HA
HA!

WHAT THE HECK?

AFTER ALL, SHE STILL TREATS ME LIKE I'M TEN YEARS OLD...



...I DIDN'T MENTION IT, BUT...

SHE'S ANGRY RIGHT NOW.



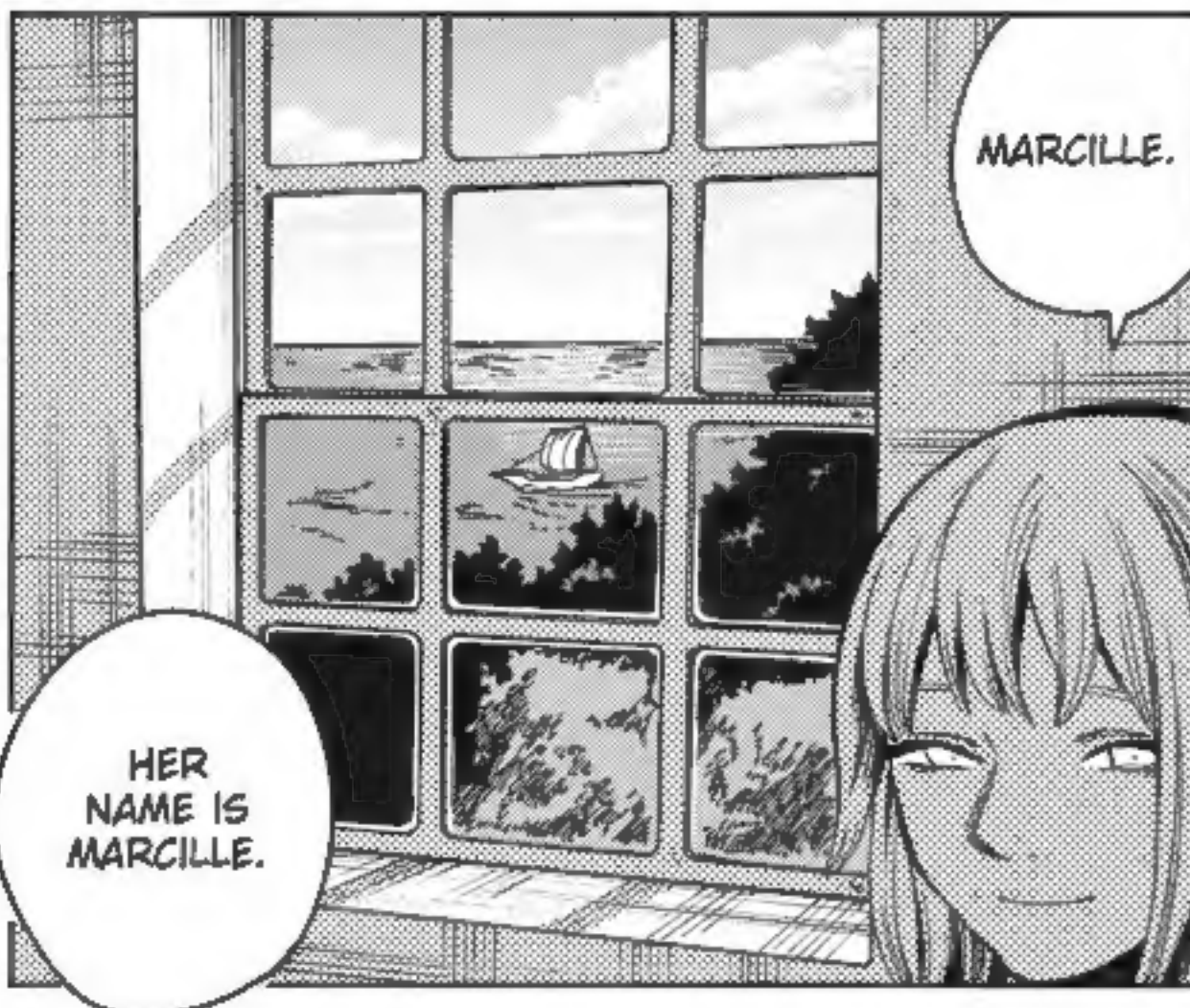
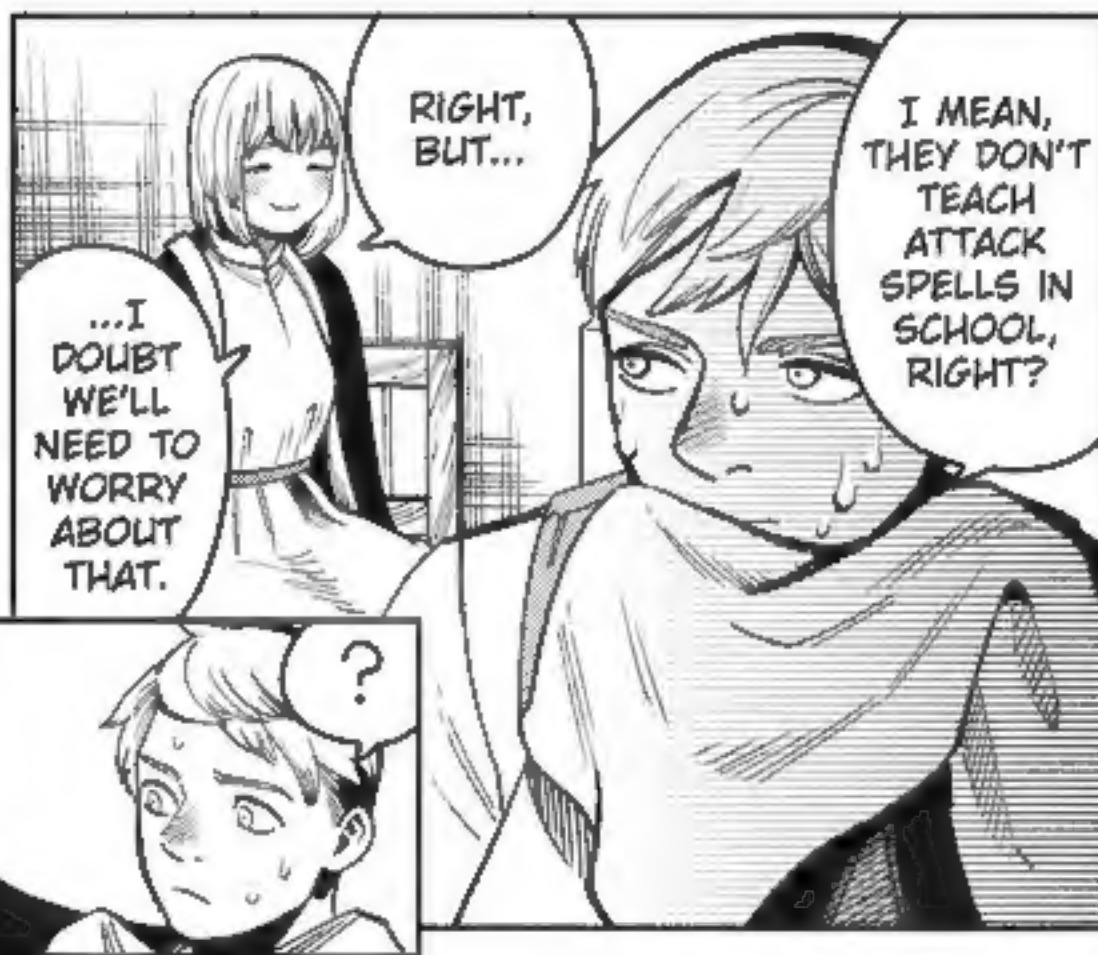
SHE'S RESEARCHING OLD MAGIC.

THERE'S LOTS OF IT IN DUNGEONS, SO SHE WANTS TO STUDY IT.



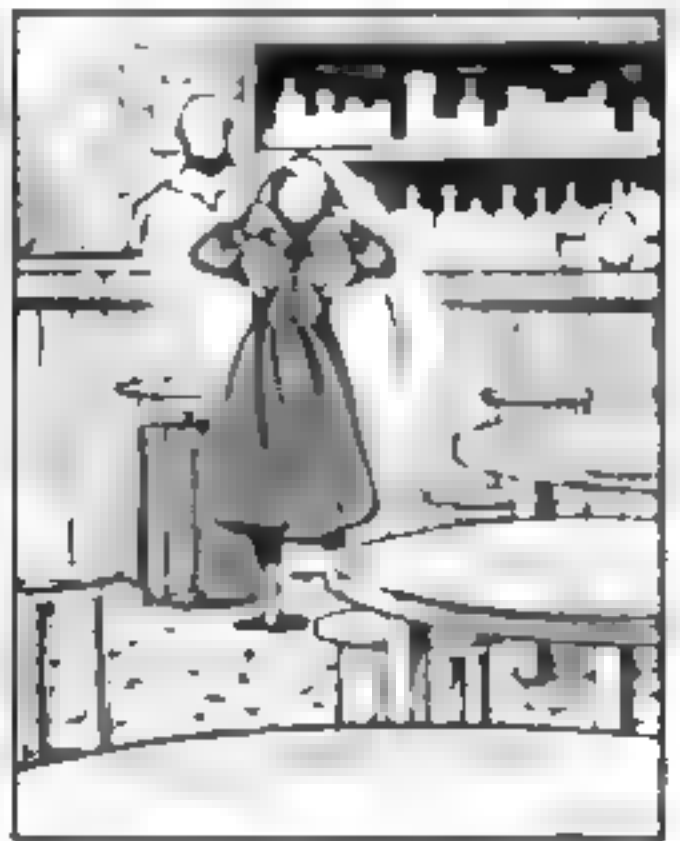
STILL...

WHY DOES SOMEONE SO BRILLIANT WANT TO BE AN ADVENTURER?









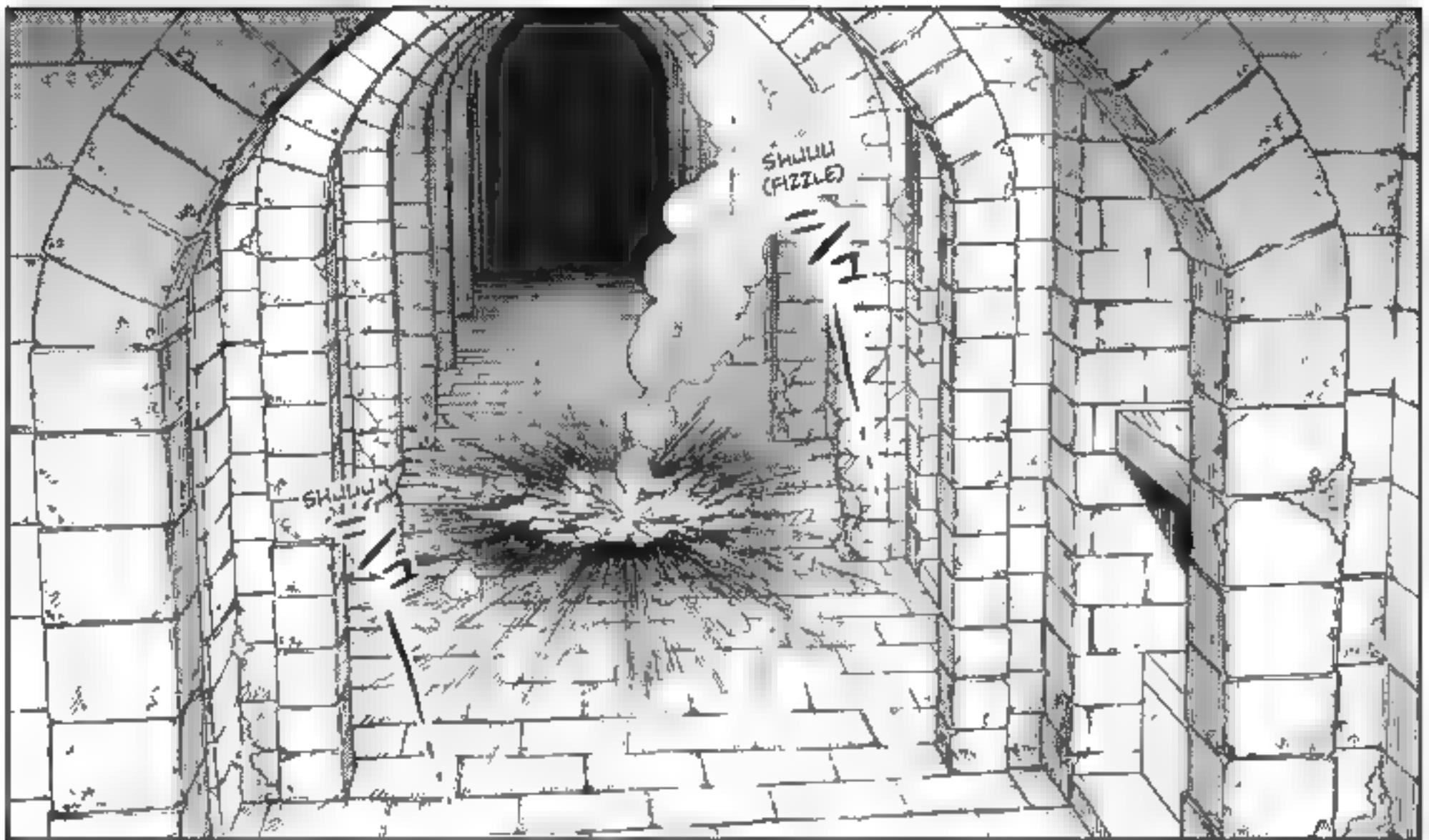


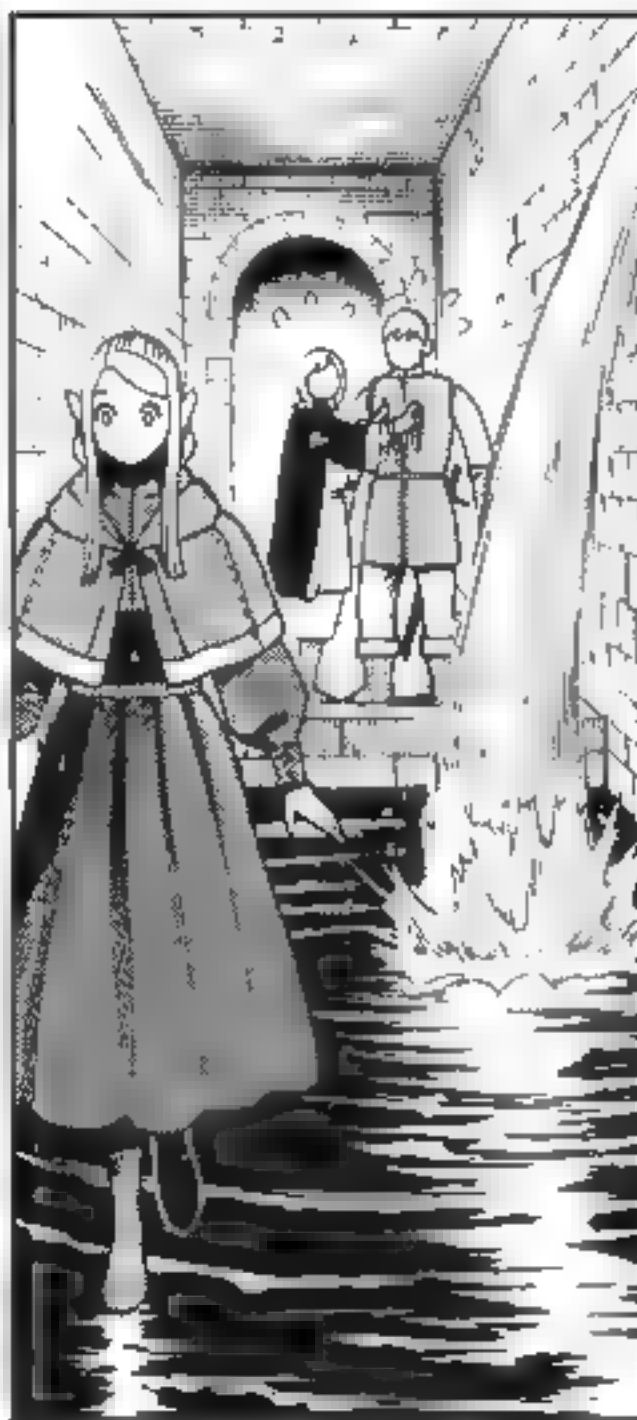
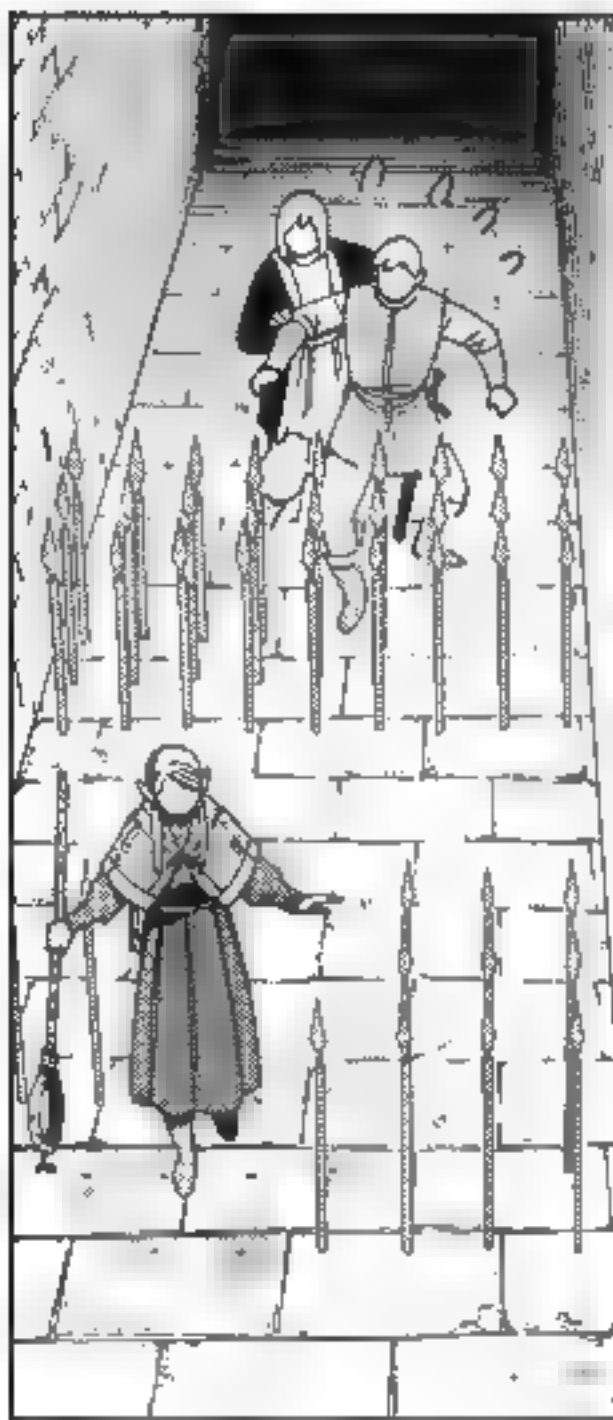


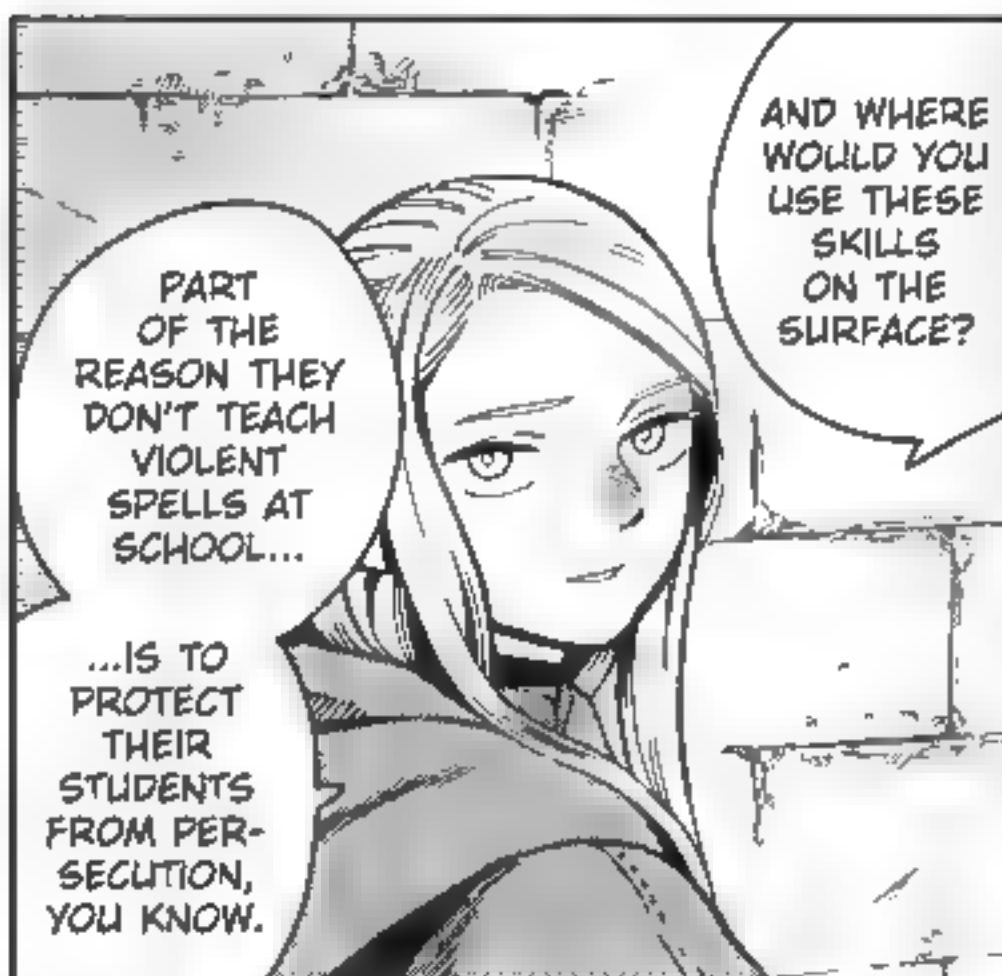


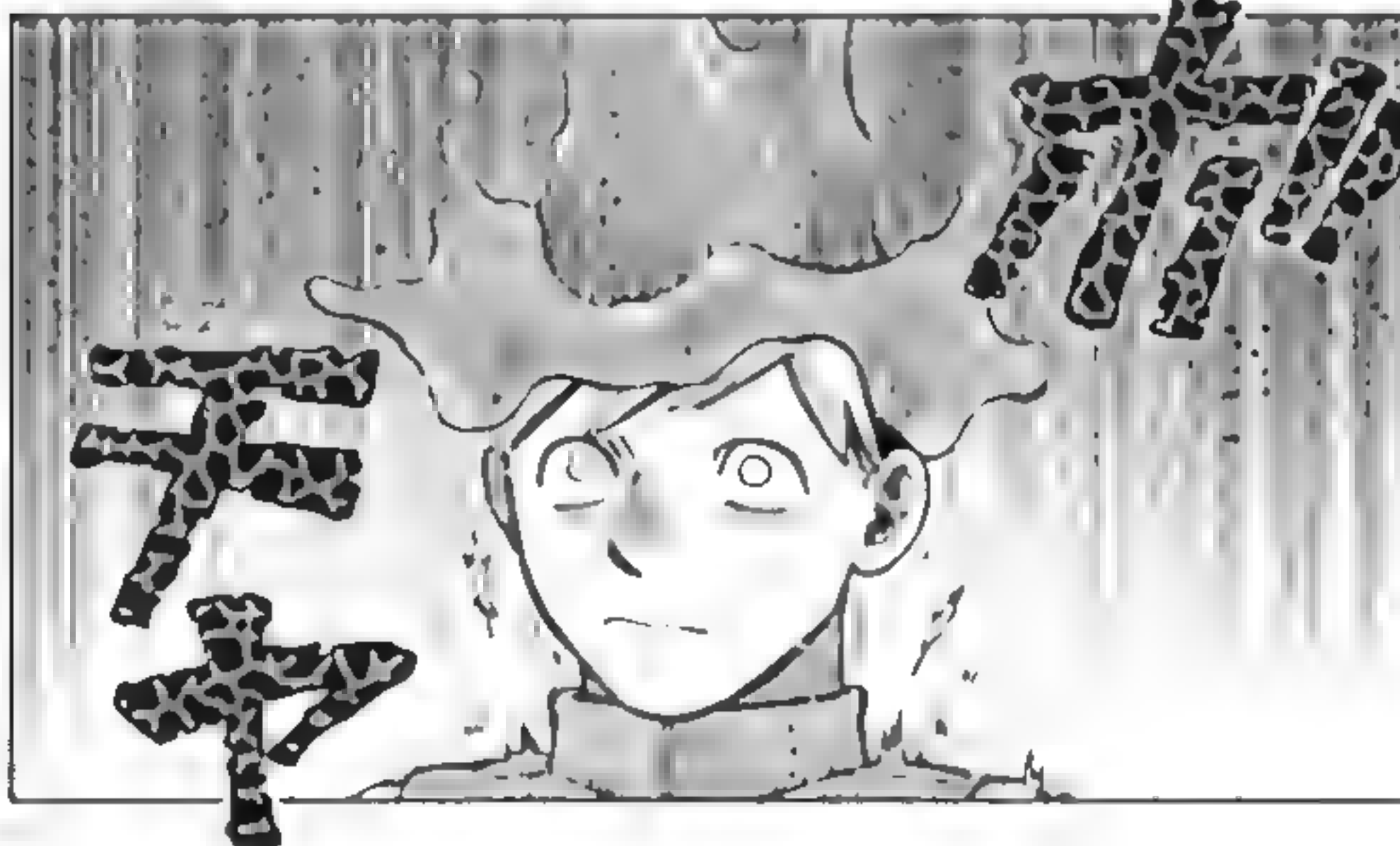




















FAN...

...TASTIC!!



ANCIENT
MAGIC
ACTUALLY
MAKES
THINGS
LIKE THAT
POSSIBLE!

...BUT
UNTIL IT
HAPPENED
TO ME, I
COULDN'T
BELIEVE IT.

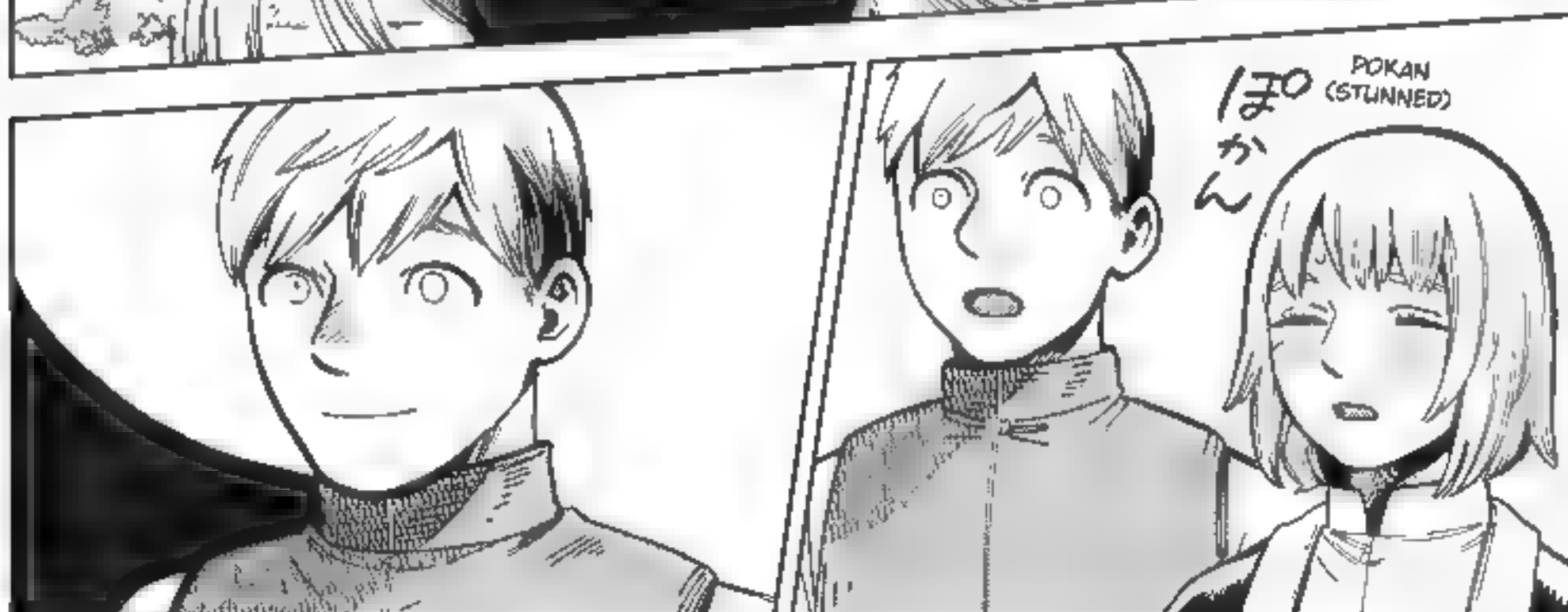
I'D
HEARD
ABOUT
IT...

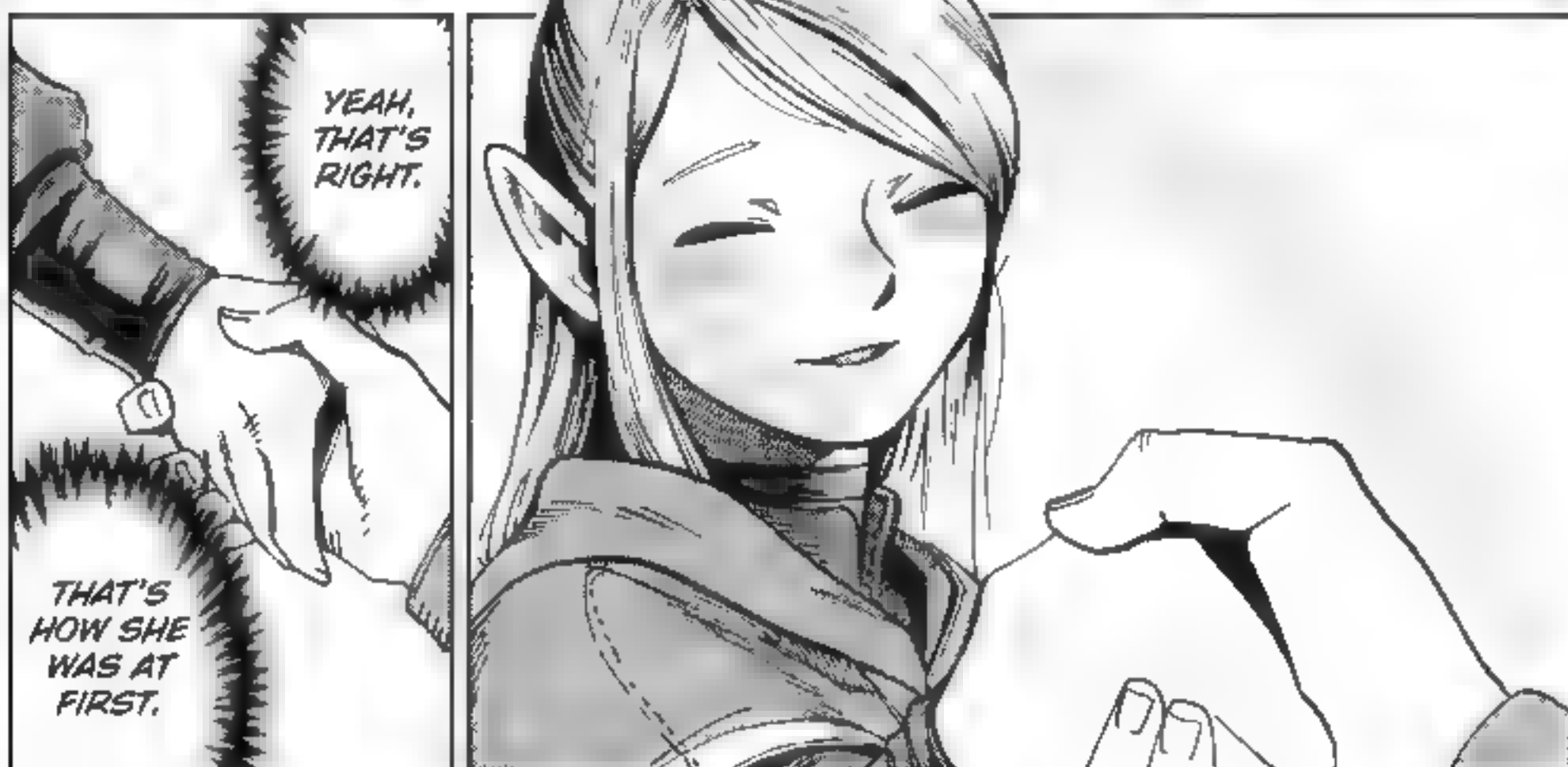
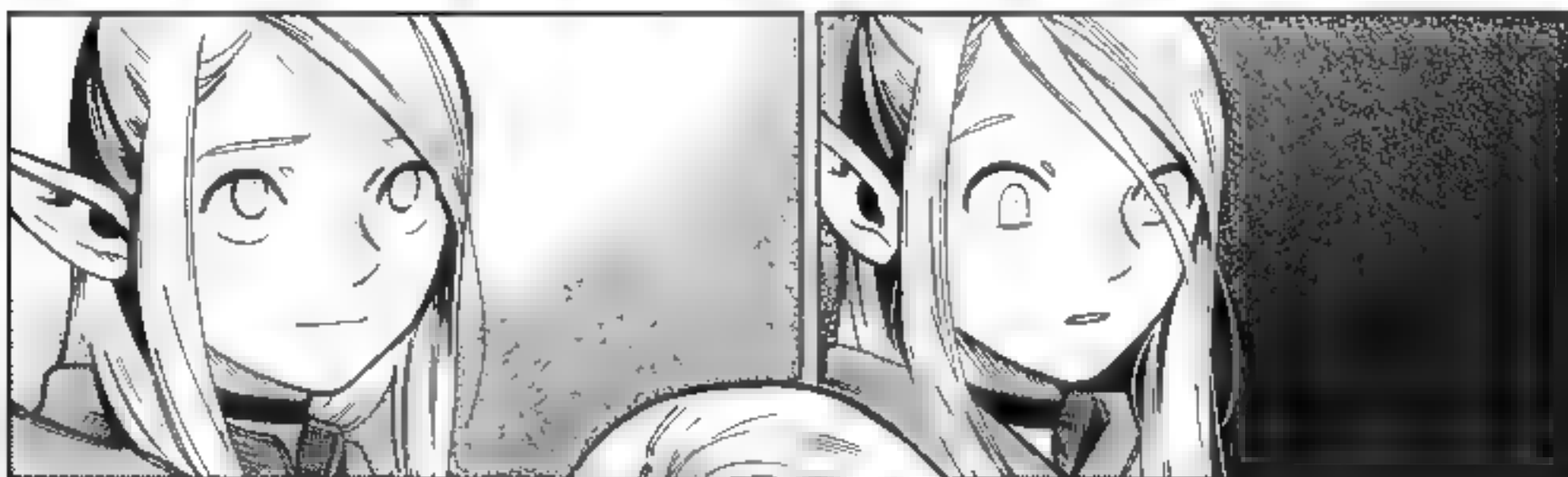


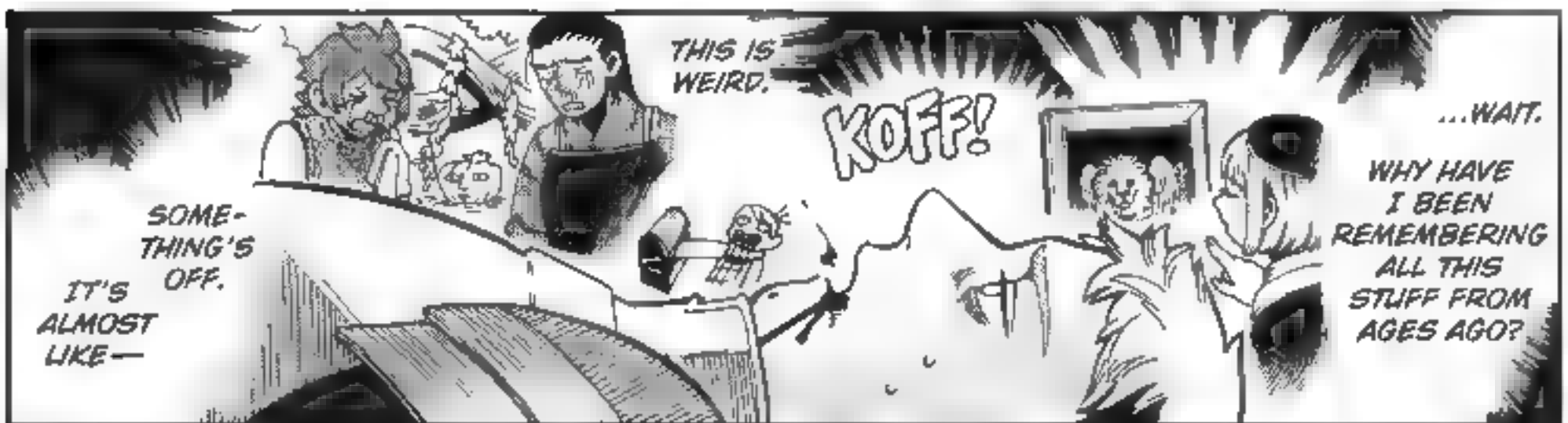
...MY
DREAM'S
SURE TO
COME
TRUE.

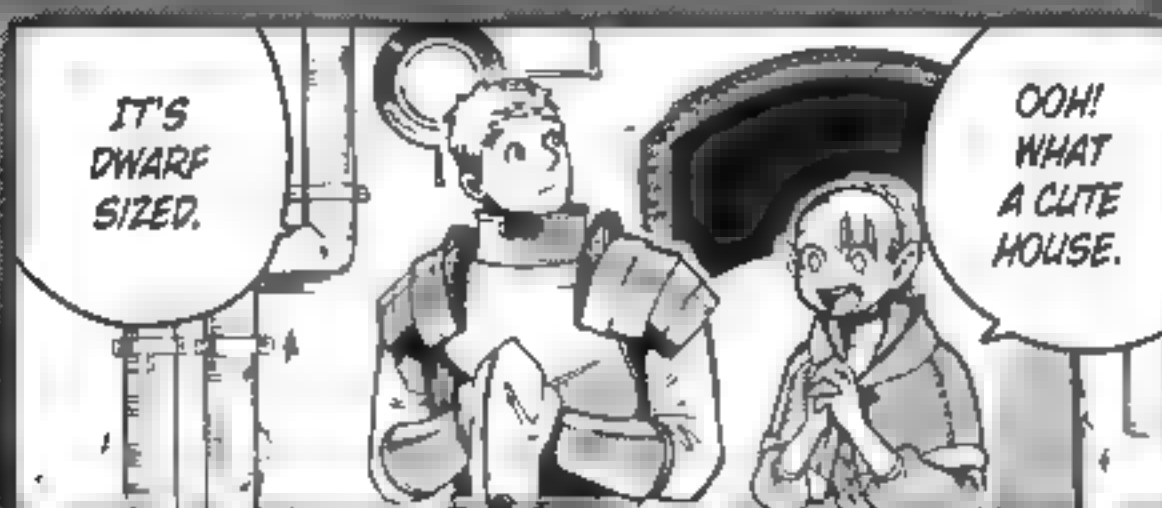
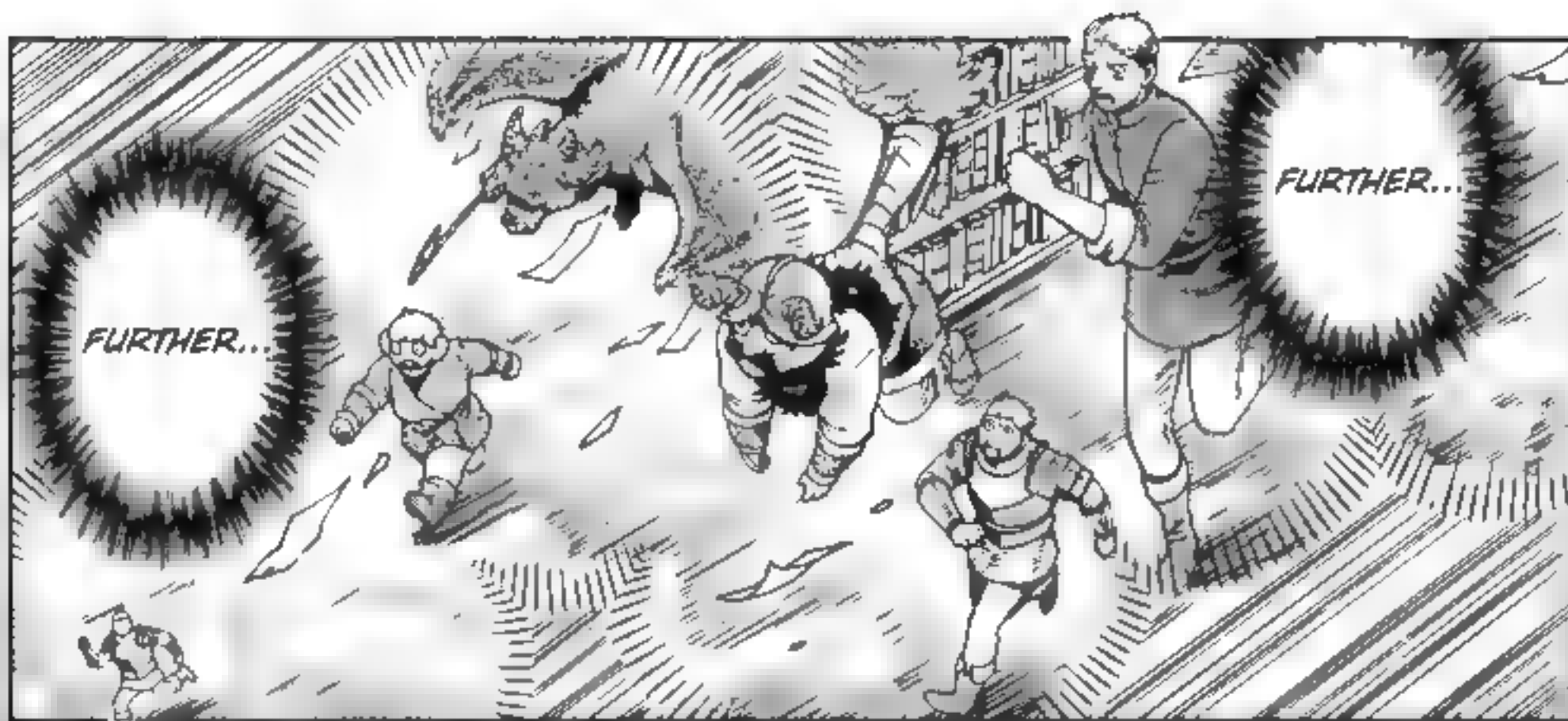
IF I CAN
JUST FIGURE
OUT WHERE
THIS POWER
COMES
FROM...



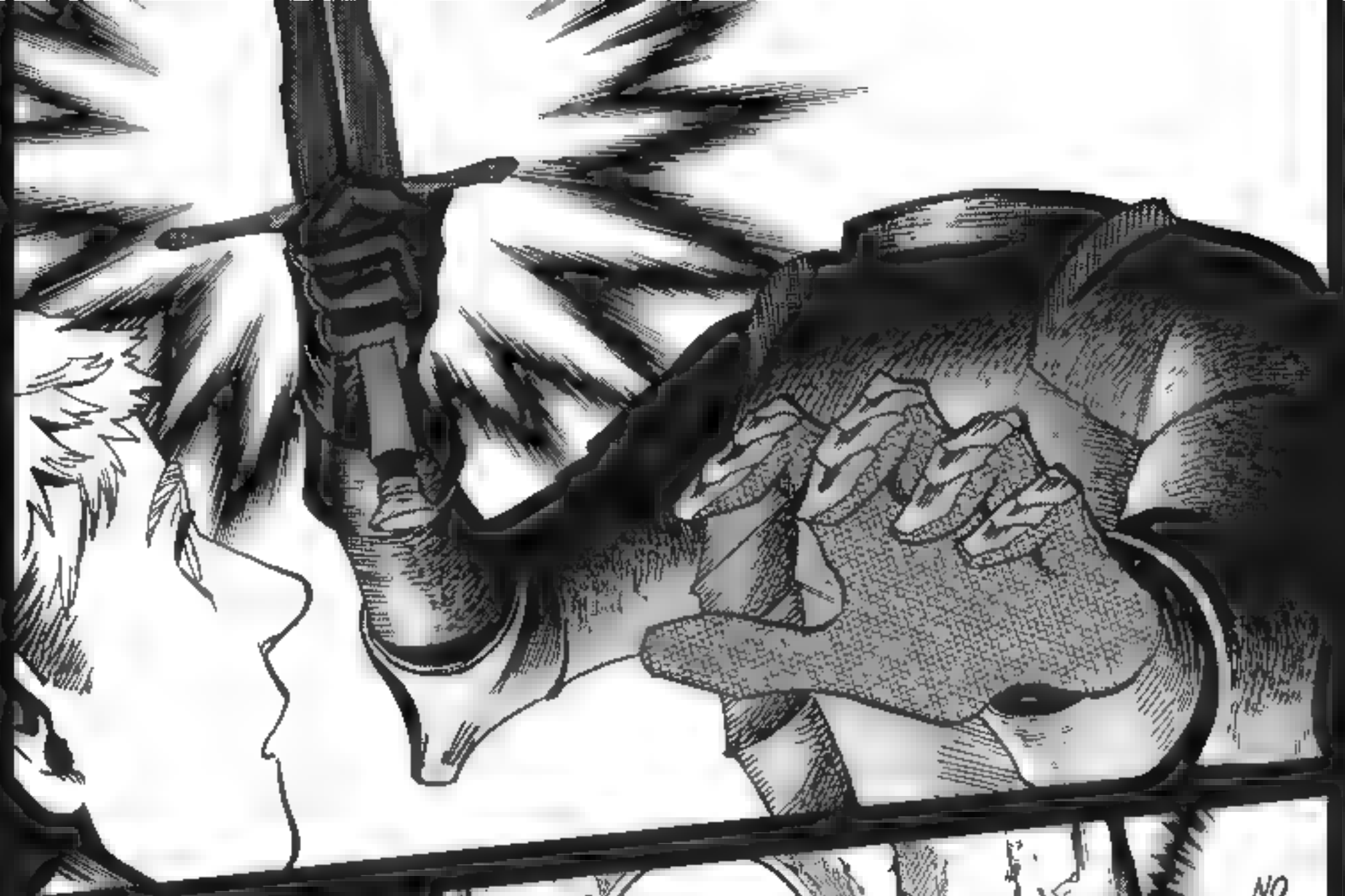












BUT...



THE
DOOR.

A WHIP.

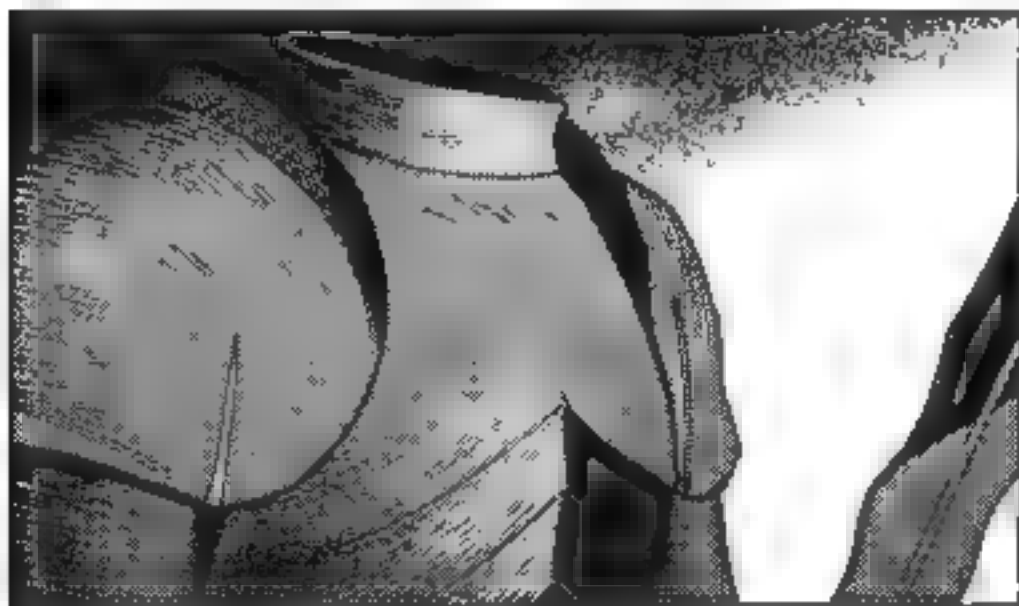
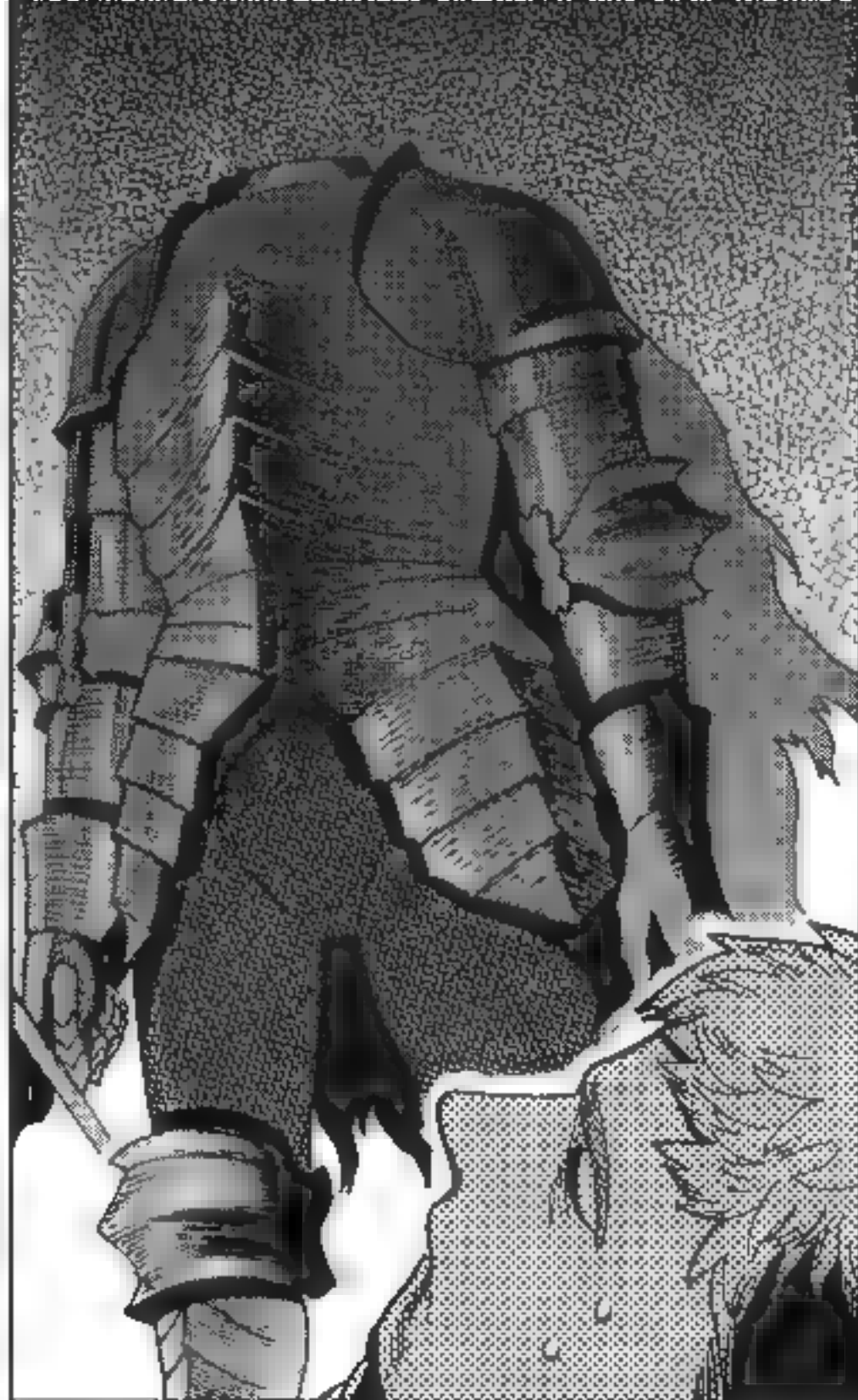
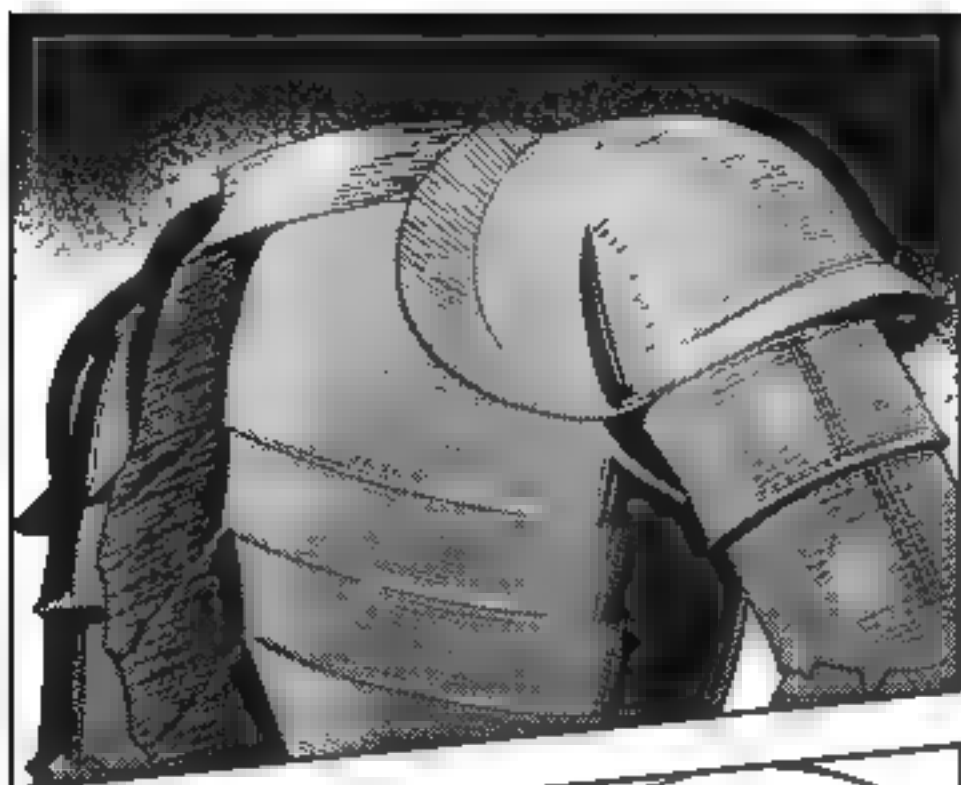
NO
HEAD.

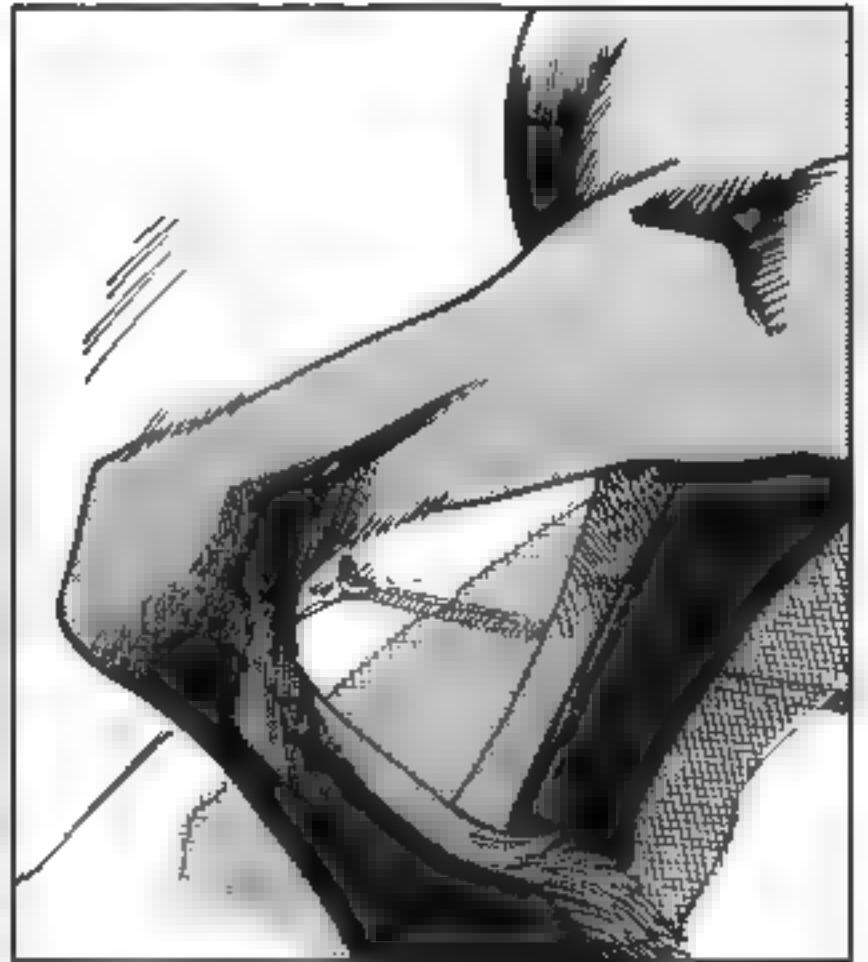
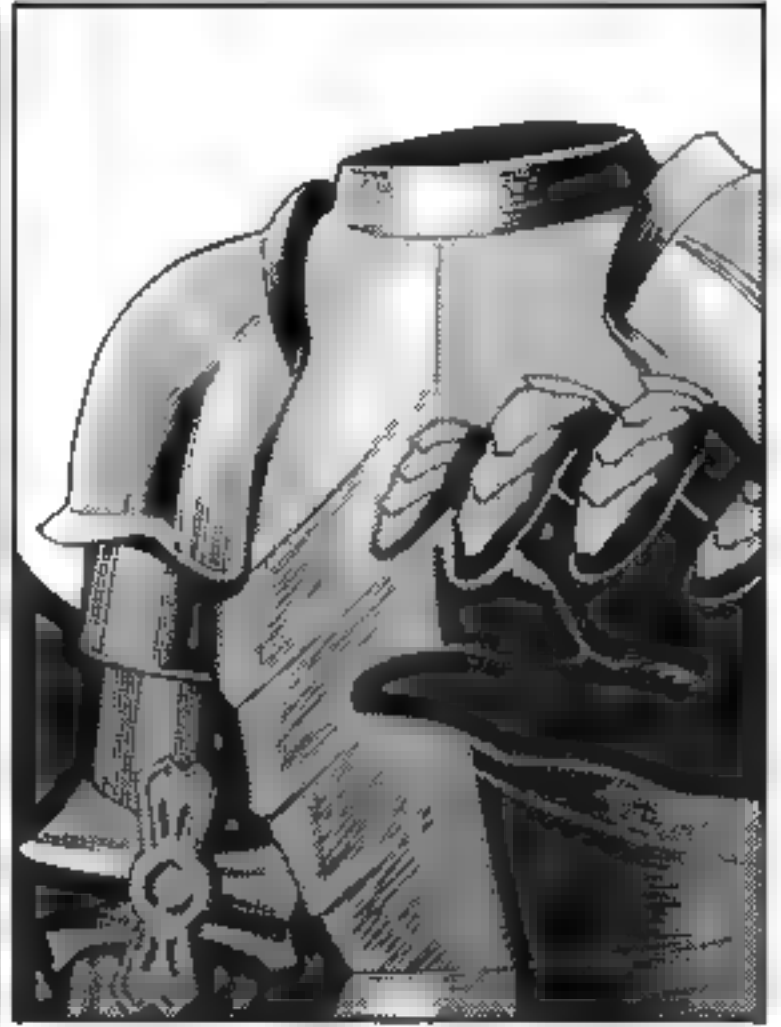
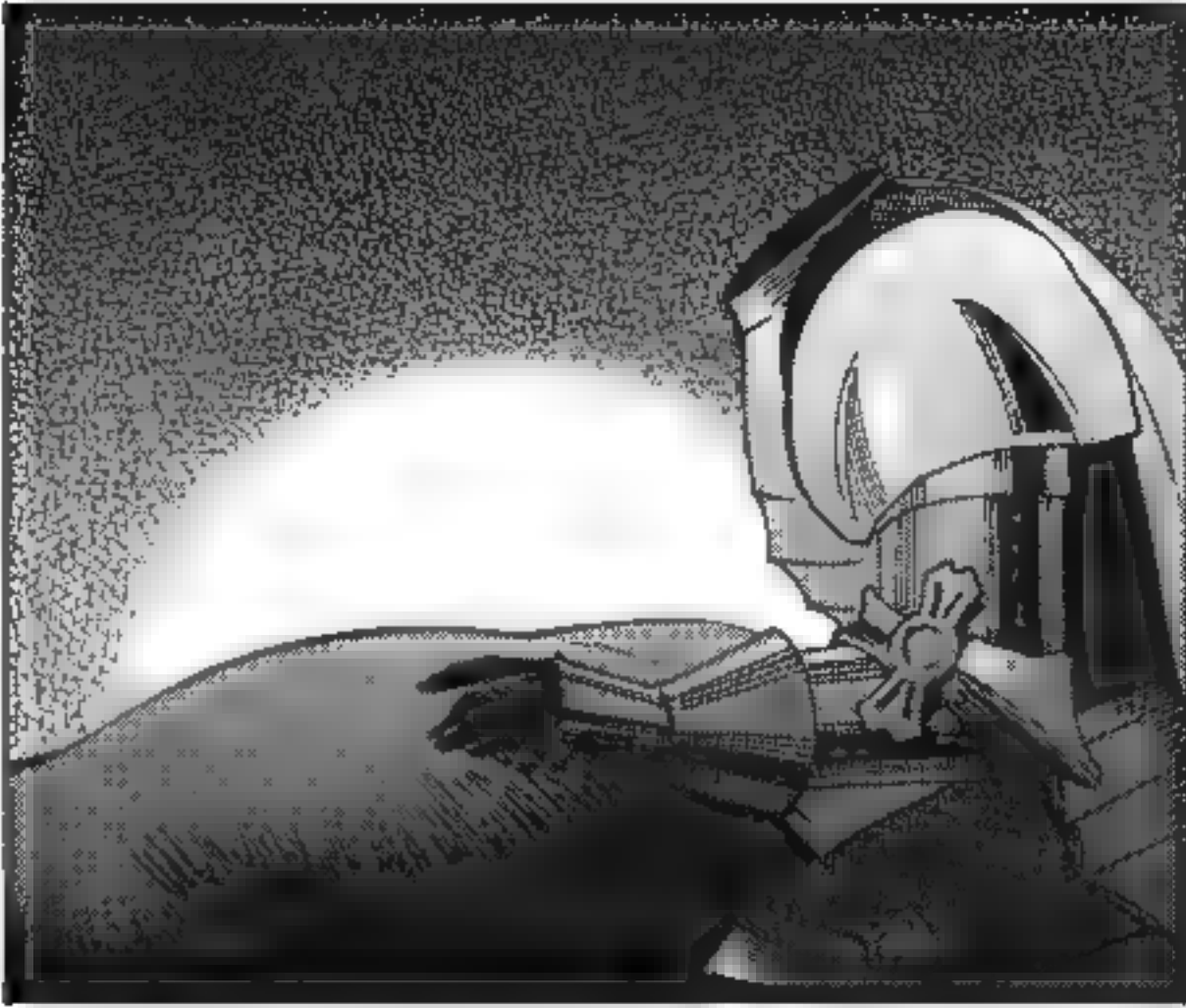
ARMOR.

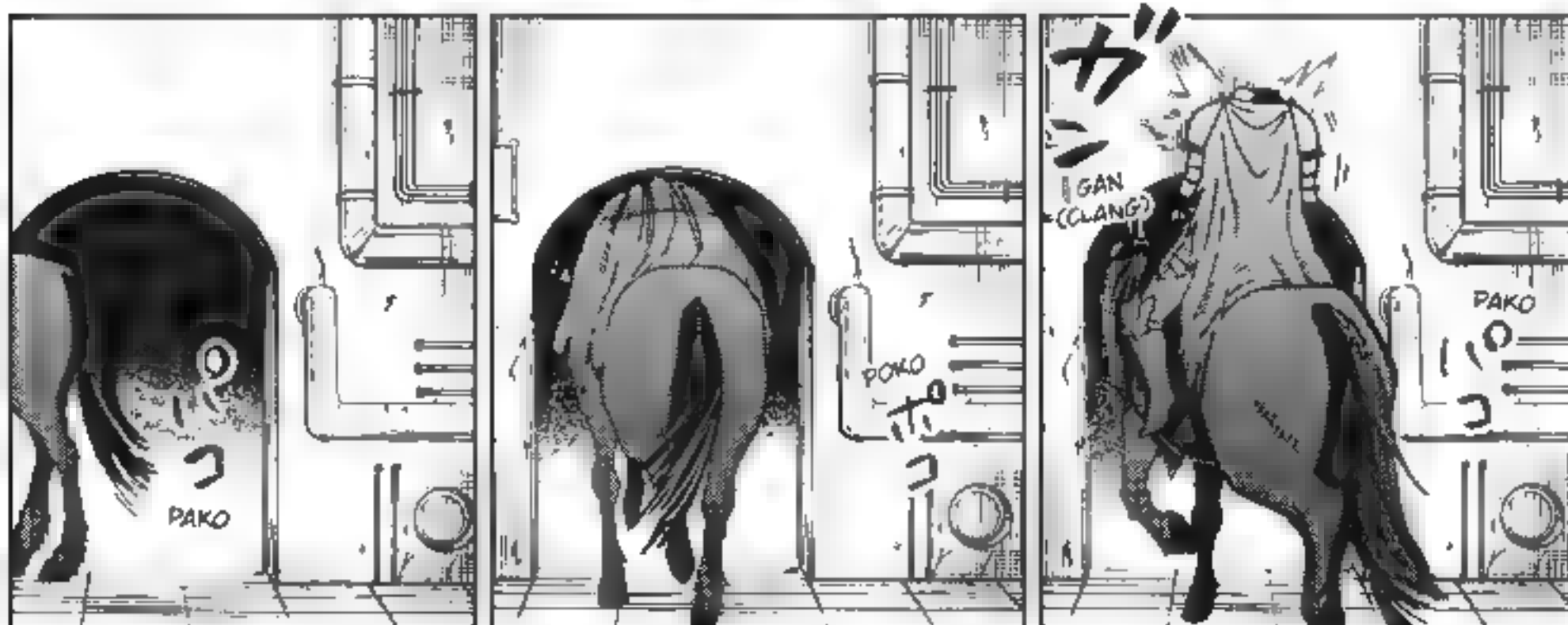


...IT'S ON
FOOT?



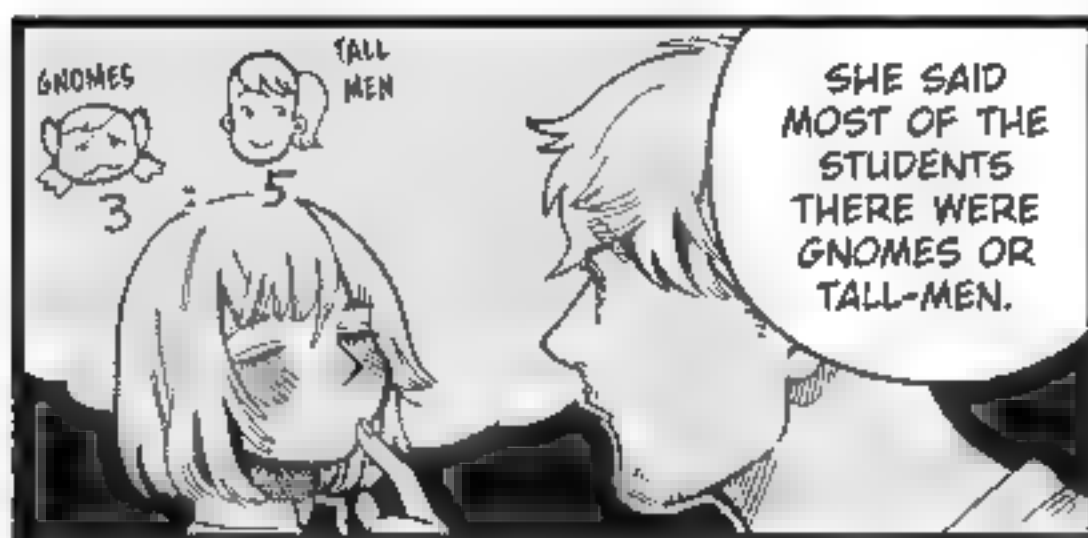












SHE SAID
MOST OF THE
STUDENTS
THERE WERE
GNOMES OR
TALL-MEN.



I FIGURED
YOU WERE
ABOUT A
HUNDRED...

LOOKS
TWENTY X
OR 50?

ELF LIFESPAN
X FIVE TIMES
AS LONG

...BUT
THEN
WHY WERE
YOU AT
THE SAME
SCHOOL AS
FALIN?



WEREN'T
YOU WAY
AHEAD OF
THE
REST?

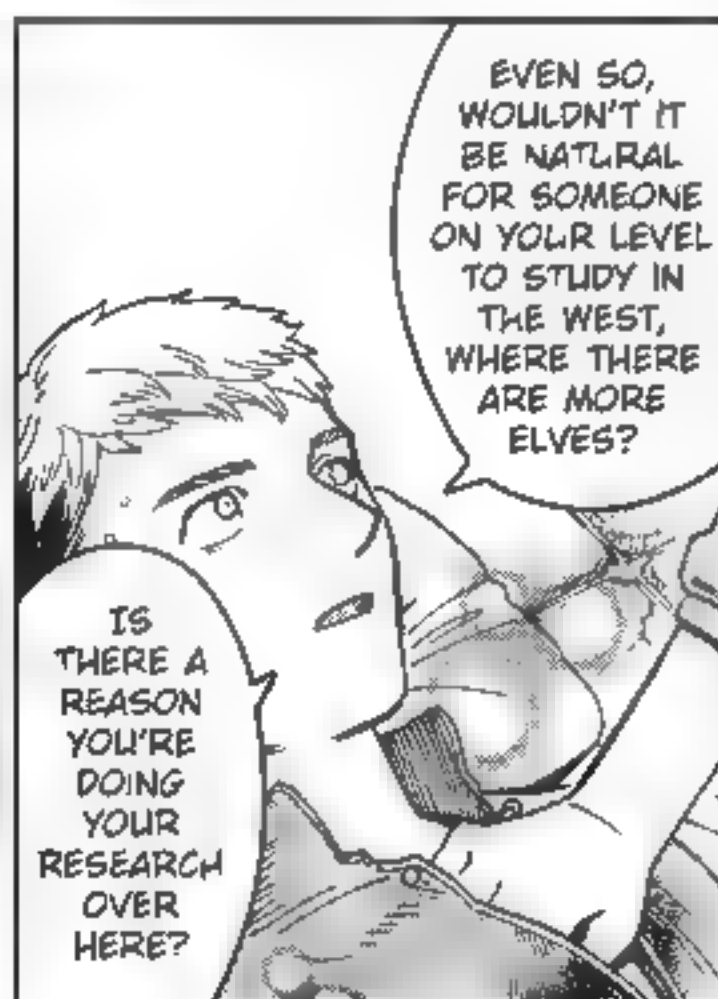
EVERYONE
ELSE WAS
MUCH
YOUNGER.



I GO TO
THE WEST
SOMETIMES
TOO.

I WAS
BORN
HERE, SO
I STAYED
CLOSE TO
HOME,
THAT'S
ALL.

ALL
DONE



EVEN SO,
WOULDN'T IT
BE NATURAL
FOR SOMEONE
ON YOUR LEVEL
TO STUDY IN
THE WEST,
WHERE THERE
ARE MORE
ELVES?

IS
THERE A
REASON
YOU'RE
DOING
YOUR
RESEARCH
OVER
HERE?



IS IT
THAT
WEIRD?

I WAS A
RESEARCH-
ER, NOT A
PUPIL.

I'M ALSO
DOING WORK
THE SCHOOL
FOUND FOR
ME.



IT
LEFT US
SOME-
THING
GOOD!!

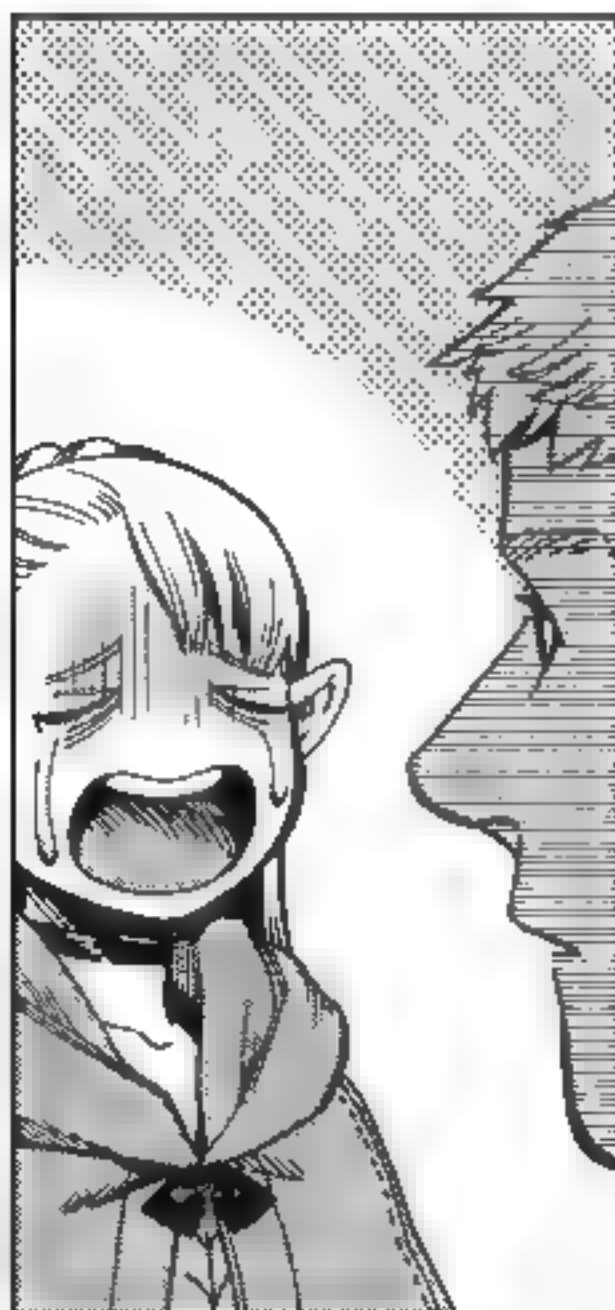
WE'LL
HAVE
IT FOR
DINNER
TONIGHT
!!

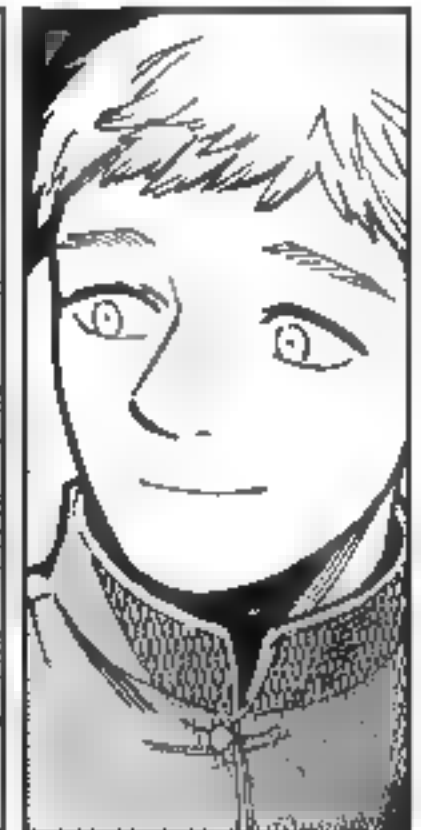


LAIOS,
GREAT
NEWS!!

...YES.

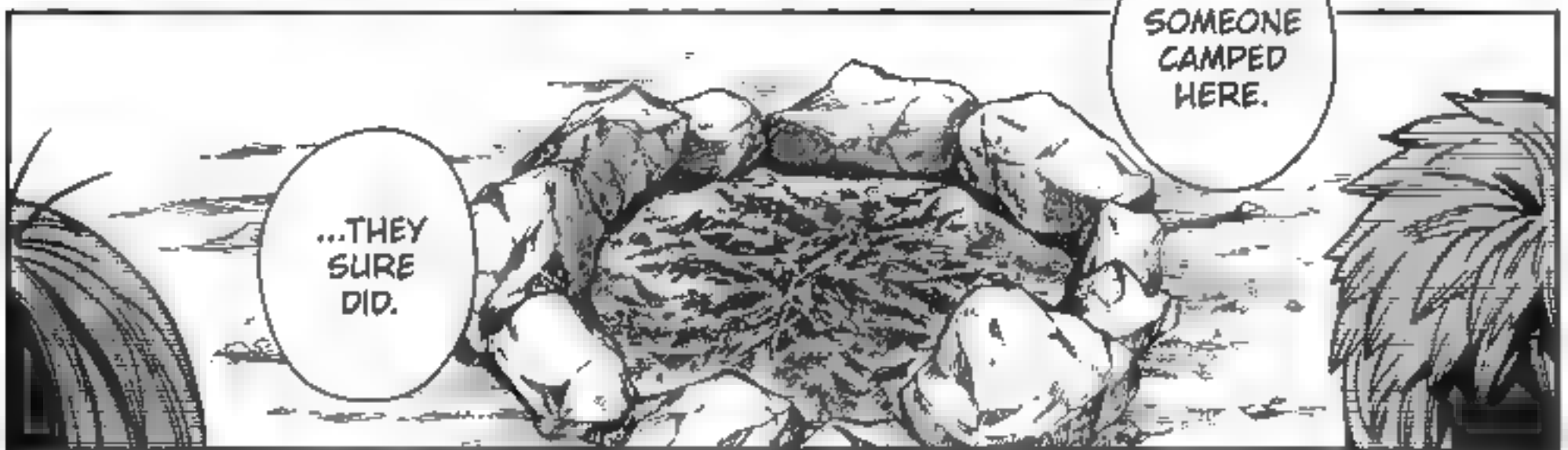
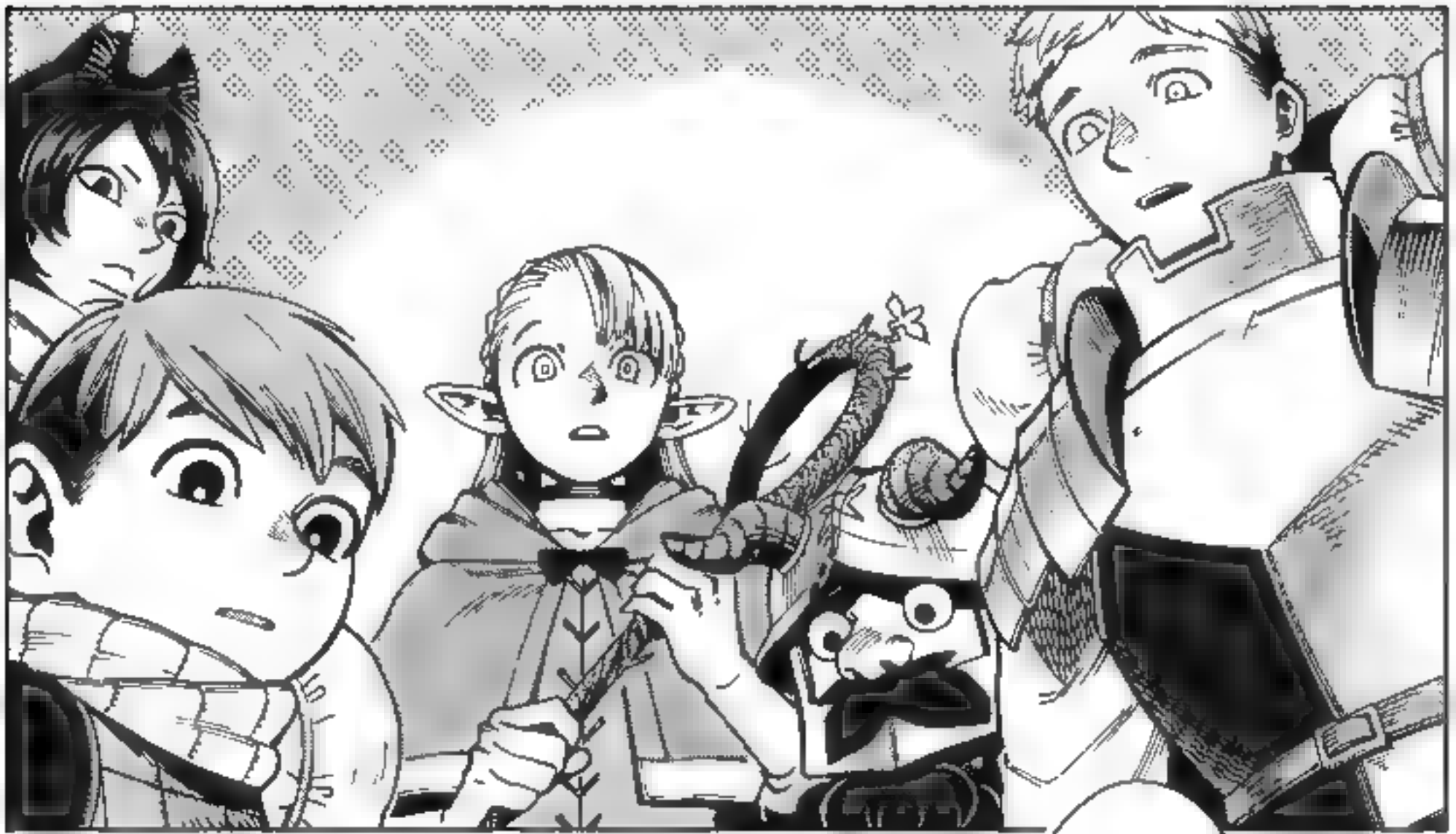
REALLY...?

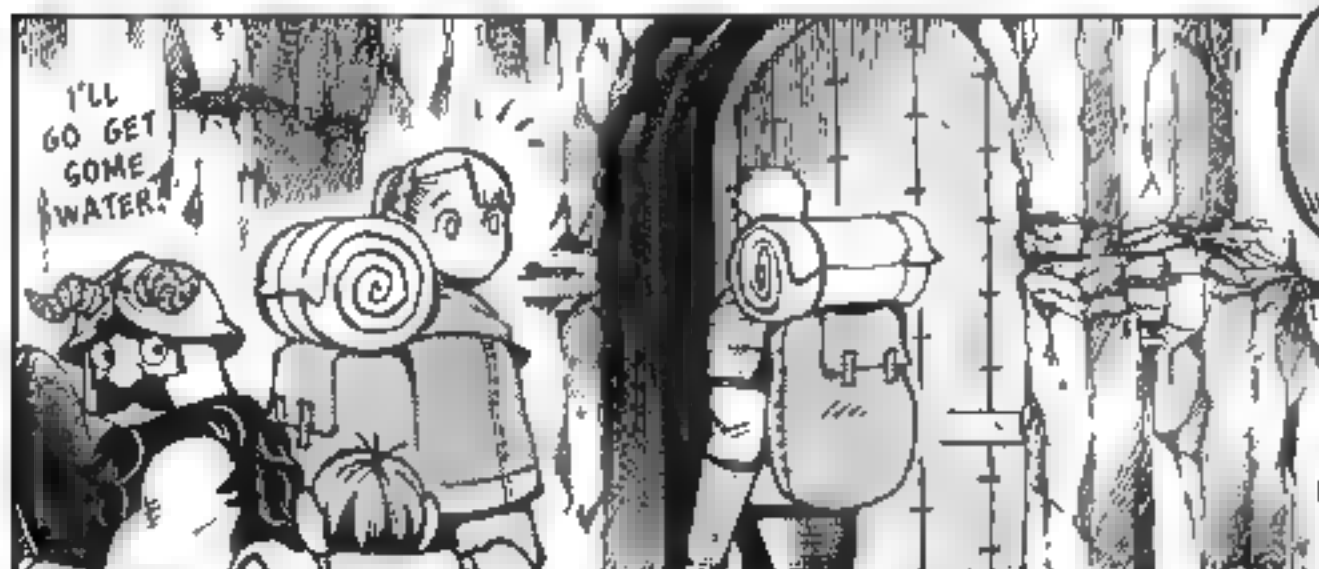
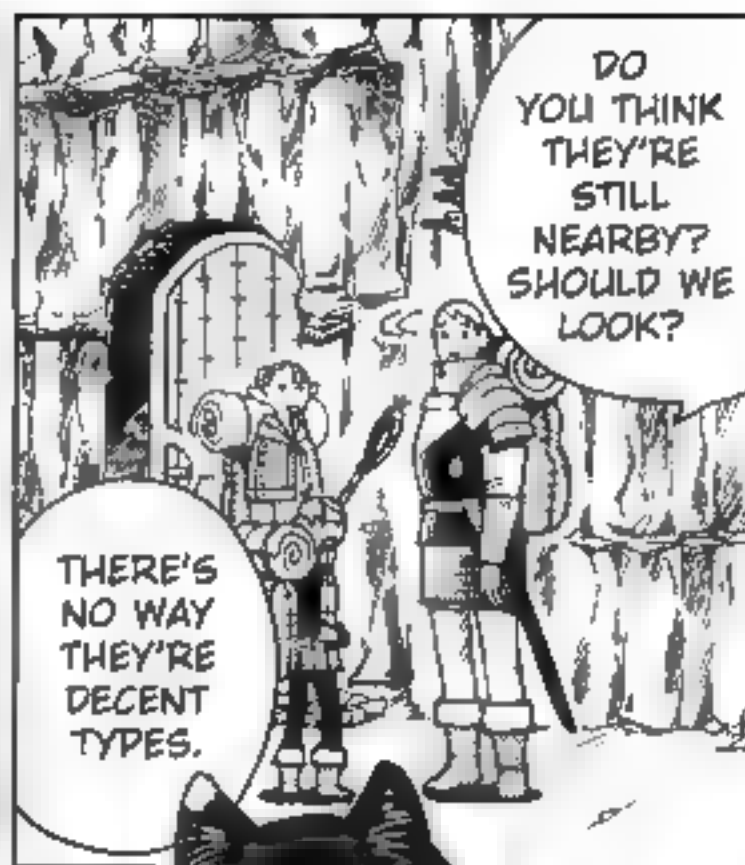




58. SUCCUBUS -1-









OH?
AM I
NOT?



TRY THINKING
ABOUT OTHER
PEOPLE FOR A
CHANGE.

DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE AN
ISLAND OR
SOME-
THING?



DO
NOT.

EVEN YOU
HAVE PEOPLE
WHO RAISED
YOU.

YES,
YOU
DO!!



I'VE
ALWAYS
LIVED ON
MY OWN.



LOOK.

THEY SAY
PEOPLE CAN'T
SURVIVE ON
THEIR OWN,
YOU KNOW.

WE
ALL HELP
EACH
OTHER...



HAAH...

...THEN
WHY
ARE YOU
HANGING
AROUND
WITH US?



BECAUSE YOU
SAID THE WINGED
WHATEVER OR
THE LUNATIC
WHOSIT MIGHT BE
ABLE TO BREAK
MY CURSE.

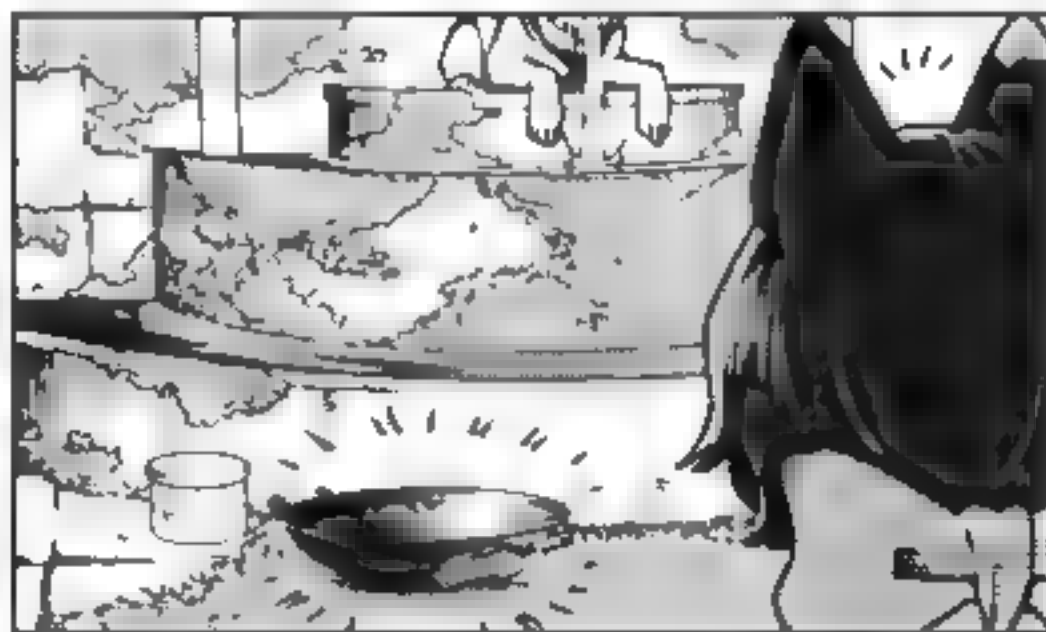


I'VE
ALWAYS
LIVED
ON MY
OWN...

NO, I
DON'T!

...AND
I
ALWAYS
WILL!







SENSHII!!?



KASAR RUSTLE



WHAT?

WHAT'S GOING ON?



WHAT'S THAT?

HUH? YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT SUCCUBI?



A SUCCUBUS I?

.. THIS MAY BE THE WORK OF A SUCCUBUS.



THAT GALANT BODY.

THAT LOOK OF ECSTASY.



Succubus Potion

Compounded from refined succubus secretions. Sells for a bundle.

THEY SECRETE A FLUID THAT CAUSES INTENSE PLEASURE, AND SO...

...THEY TEND TO BE OVER-HUNTED FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO SELL IT.



...AND DRAIN THEIR LIFE FORCE.

UHH...

THEY'RE MONSTERS WHO ASSUME AN "ALLURING SHAPE," GET CLOSE TO THEIR PREY...

LIFE FORCE?



EVERYONE
BE
CAREFUL
NOT TO
GO OFF
ON YOUR
OWN.

NO, YOU'D
NEVER BEAT
THEM ONE-
ON-ONE!



HUH.
THEY
SOUND
KINDA
WEAK.

I
THOUGHT
THEY'D
DIED OUT
IN THIS
DUNGEON
TOO.



ISN'T THAT
JUST A
SUPERSTITION?



IF WE
PUT SOME
BY OUR
PILLOWS, WE
CAN KEEP
THEM FROM
ATTACKING
US!

SUCCUBI
LOVE
MILK!



OH,
RIGHT!
MILK!



LAIOS!



IF YOU
NOTICED
THAT,
THEN
STOP
HIM!!

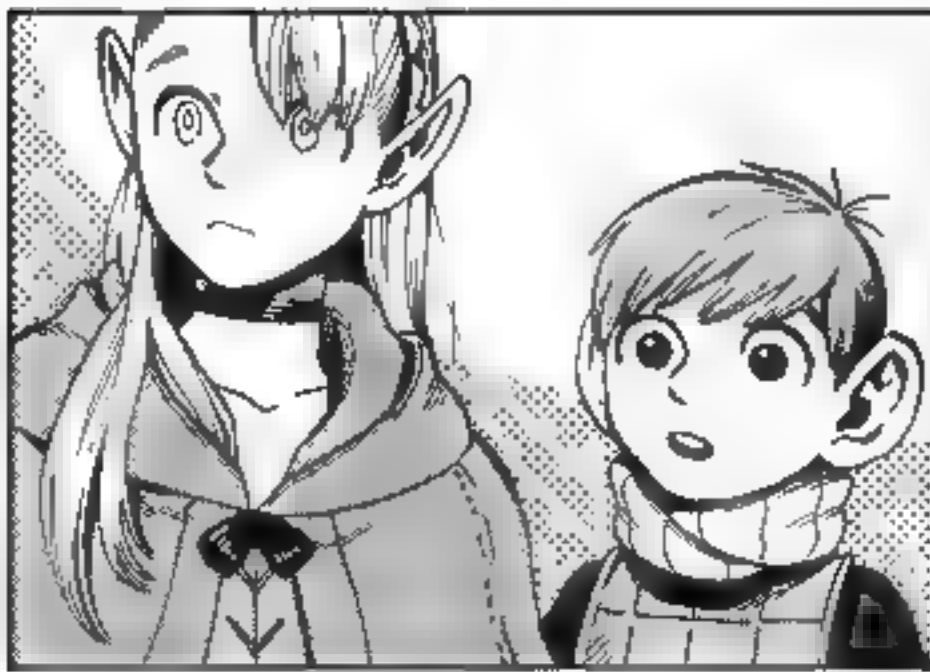
WELL,
HE WAS
JUST SO
CONFIDENT
ABOUT IT.



AH!

IS IT OKAY
FOR HIM TO
GO OFF ON
HIS OWN?





THOSE
SUCCUBUS-
THINGIES.
THE
MONSTERS.

I'LL GO
BEAT THEM
FOR YOU!



YOU
WON'T
BE ABLE
TO BEAT
THEM
ALONE!

WERE
YOU
EVEN
LISTEN-
ING!?



I DON'T
WANT
ANYBODY,
SO I'LL
BE FINE.

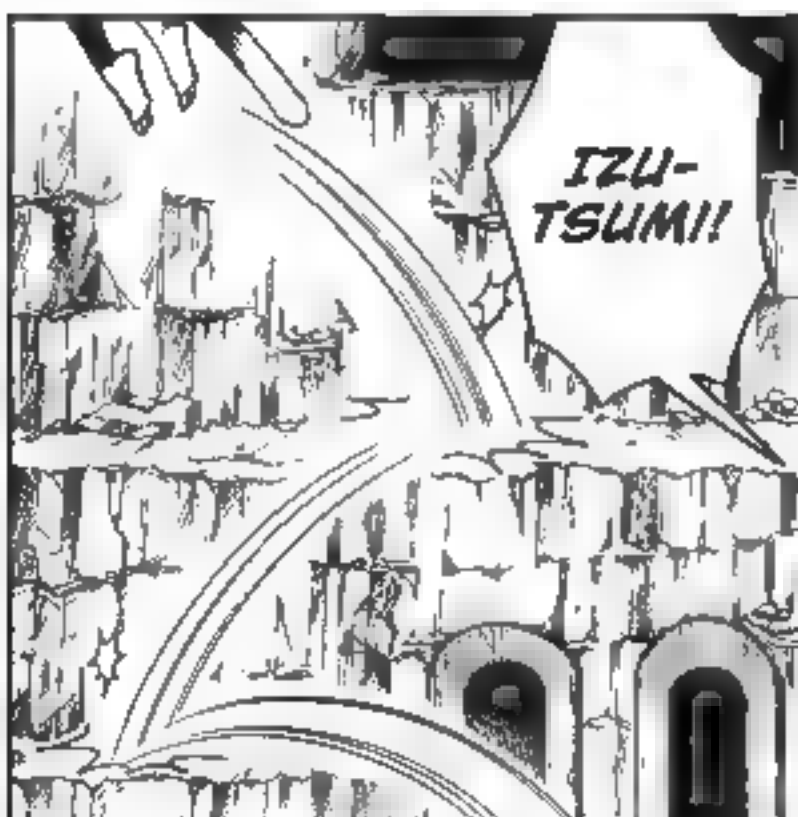
NO,
SERI-
OUSLY!



THAT'S
WHY YOU
CAN'T HUNT
SUCCUBI
UNLESS
THERE ARE
TWO OR
MORE OF
YOU.

THEY LOOK
SO MUCH
LIKE WHAT
YOU DESIRE
THAT YOUR
LEGS GO
WEAK.

AND
THAT'S
NOT A
FIGURE OF
SPEECH.



IZU-
TSUMI!



I
MEAN IT!
YOU CAN'T
FIGHT
THAT!

IT DOESN'T
MATTER WHAT
YOU'RE LIKE.

YOU'VE
BEEN
THERE?

THEY
READ YOUR
SUBCON-
SCIOUS,
THINGS
EVEN YOU
CAN'T
KNOW.



IZU-
TSUMI...

...HAS HAD
THIS BODY
FOR AS
LONG AS
SHE COULD
REMEMBER...

...BEING
SHUFFLED
FROM OWNER
TO OWNER
AND PLACE
TO PLACE AS
A SIDESHOW
FREAK.



CAN YOU
CALL
SHOVING
FOOD INTO A
CAGE EVERY
ONCE IN A
WHILE...

... "RAISING"
SOMEONE?



EVEN YOU
HAVE PEOPLE
WHO RAISED
YOU.

DON'T
TALK
LIKE YOU
KNOW.



...SHE
CERTAINLY
DIDN'T
FEEL SHE
OWED THEM
ANYTHING.

MORON!



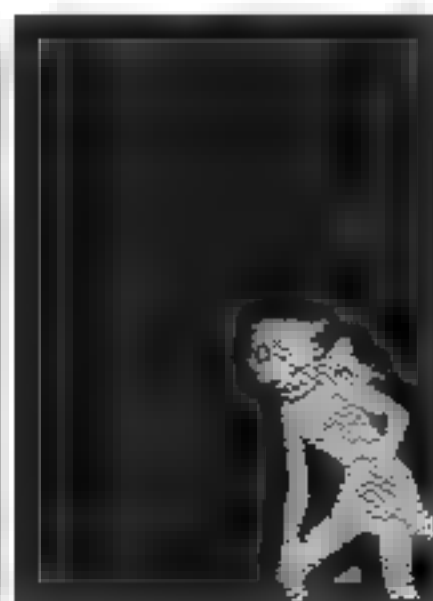
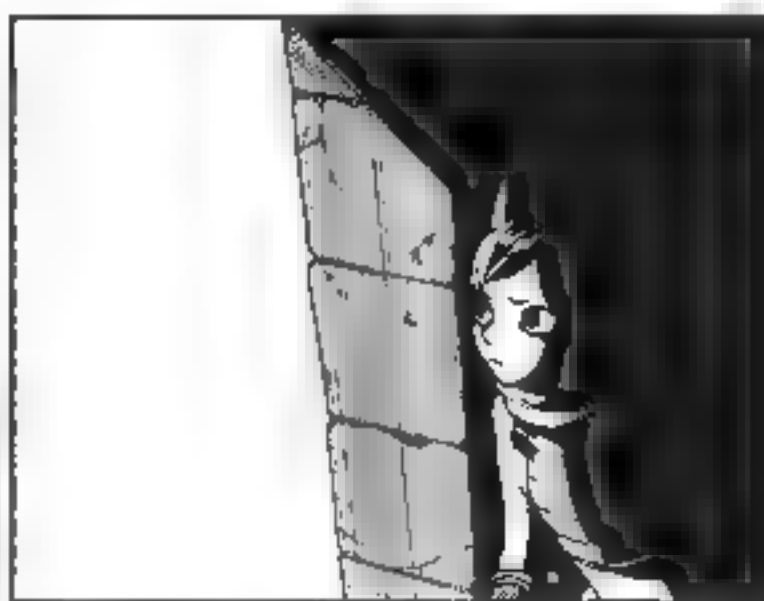
USE YOUR
CHOPSTICKS!

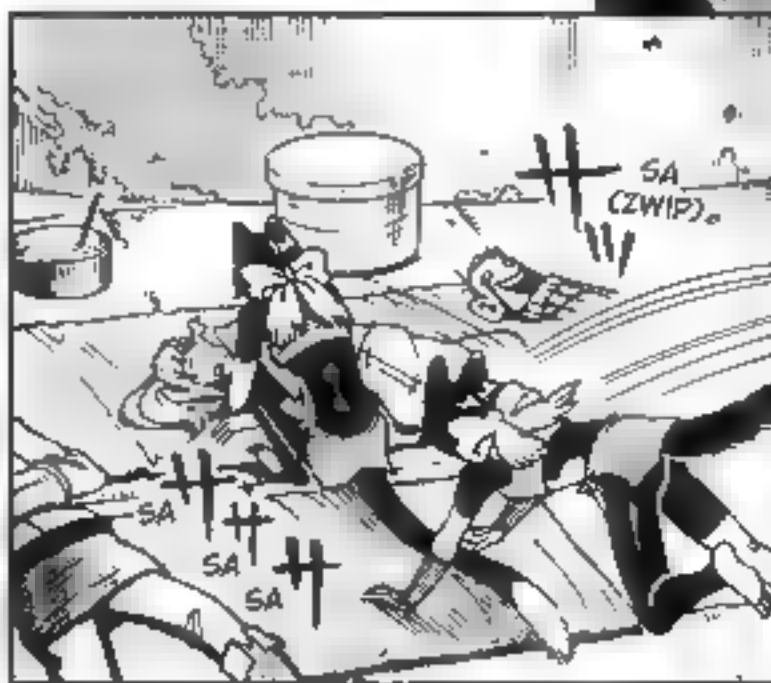


IN
THE END,
SHURO'S
FATHER
BOUGHT
IZUTSUMI
...

...AND
MAIZURU
DRILLED
BASIC
MANNERS
INTO HER.
HOW-
EVER...







SFX: KYORO (GLANCE) KYORO



IT SOUNDS
LIKE SHE'S
HAD A HARD
LIFE.

TOPO
(GLIP)



BLAST THAT
IZUTSUMI. HOW
SELFISH CAN
SHE GET?

W-
WELL...

THERE'S
NO HELP
FOR THAT...



THAT'S
DEFINITELY A
SUCCUBUS.

WHAT!?



READY
YOUR
WEAPON,
MARCILLE.

...NO.



IT'S JUST
PORRIDGE.

KUN
(SNIFF)



DO YOU
SMELL
SOMETHING
SWEET?



GOT
IT?

O-
OKAY.



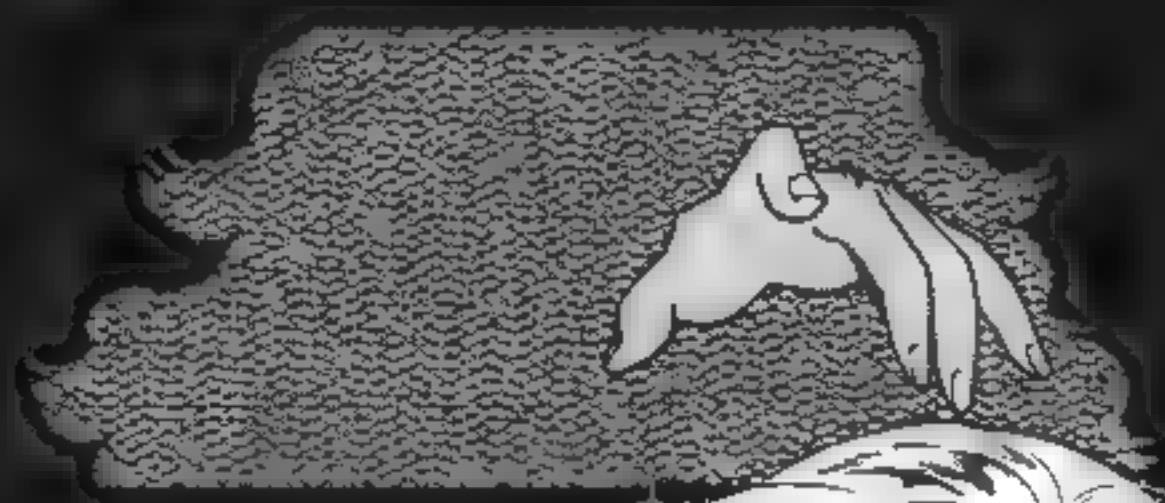
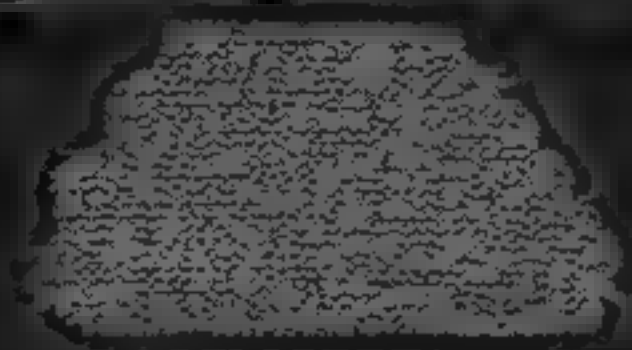
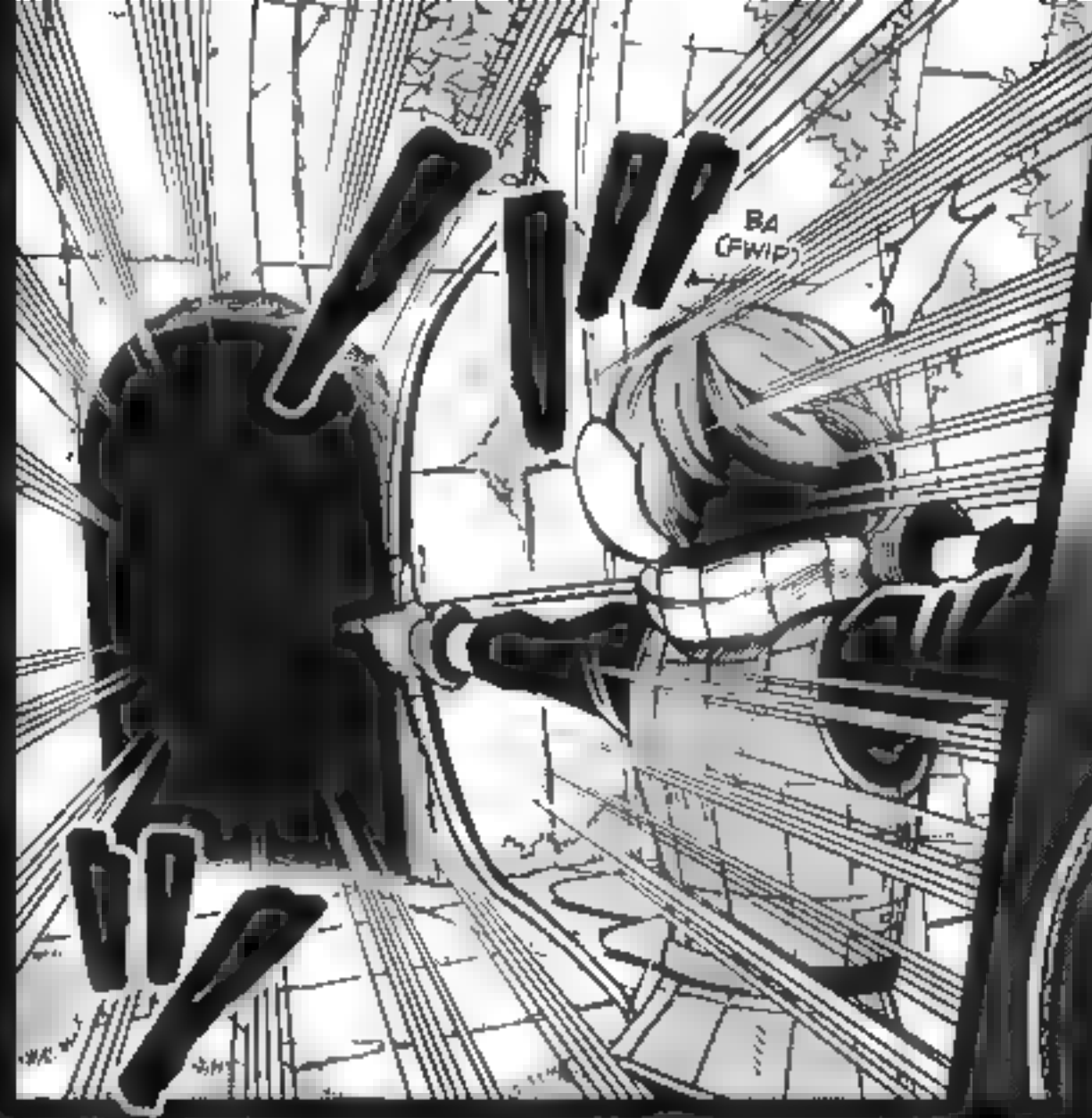
WHEN ONE
OF US GETS
CHARMED...

...THE
ONE WHO'S
STILL MOBILE
KILLS THE
SUCCUBUS.

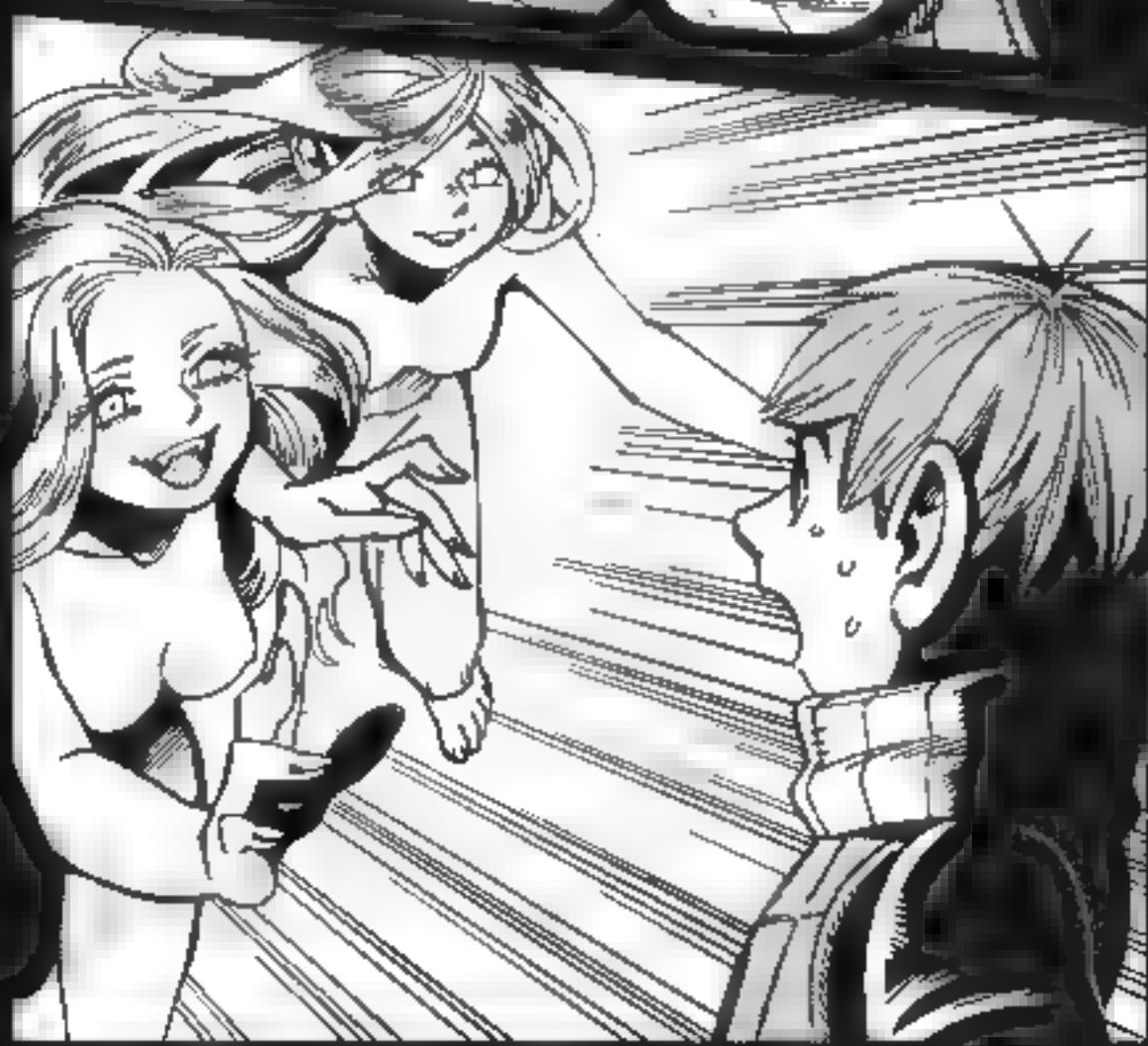


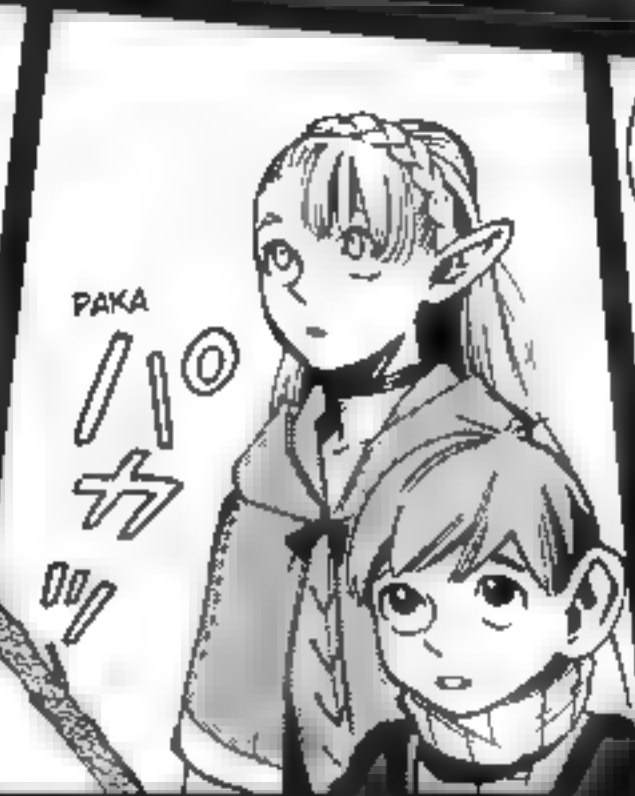
LISTEN
UP.

ONCE YOU
SEE THEM,
YOU'LL
FREEZE UP
FAST.



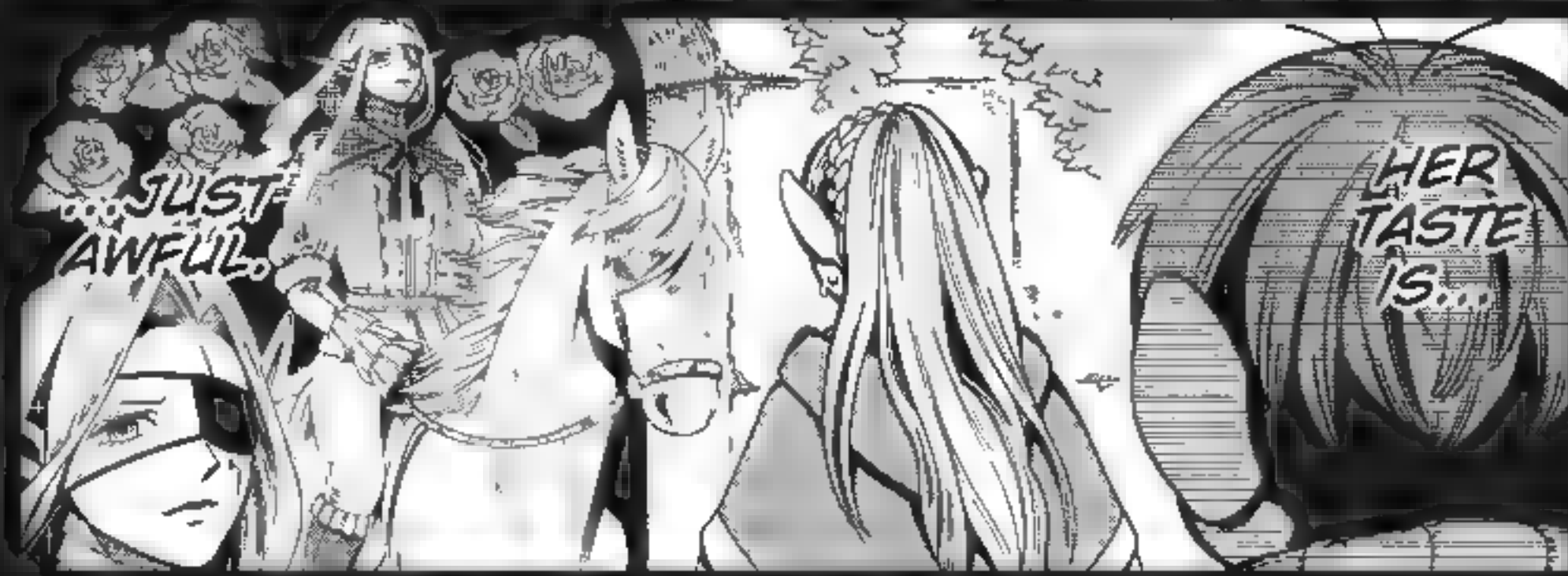








EYEPATCH DEATH



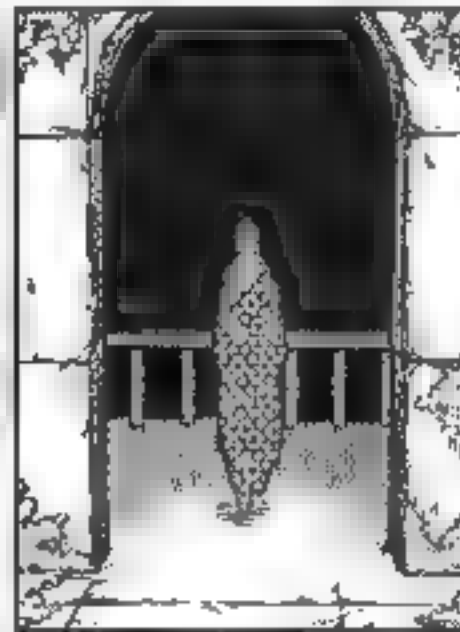
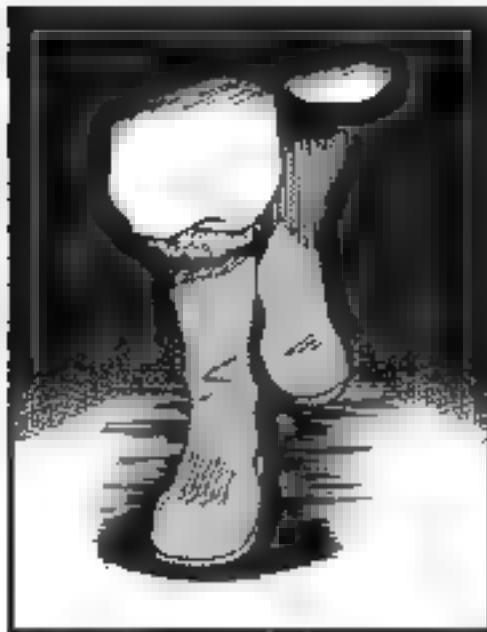
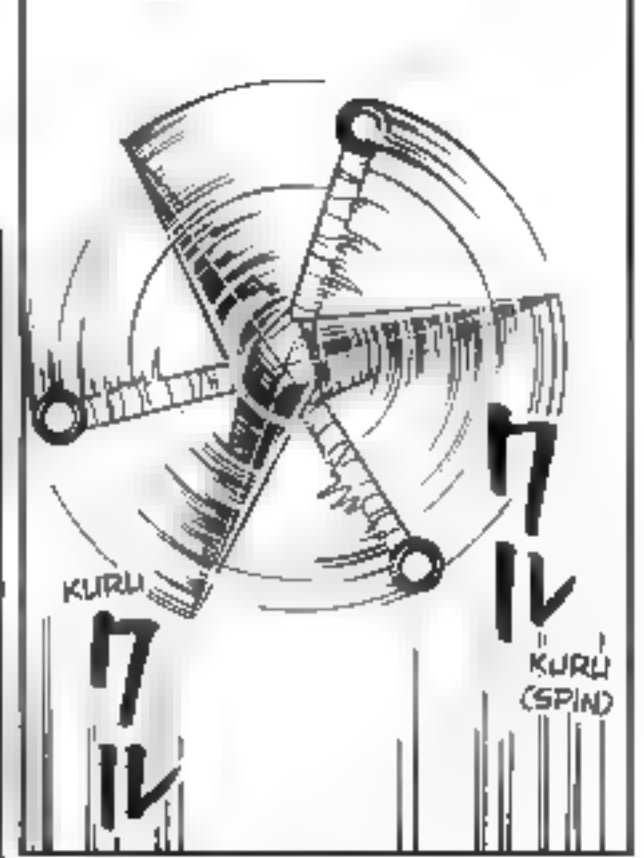






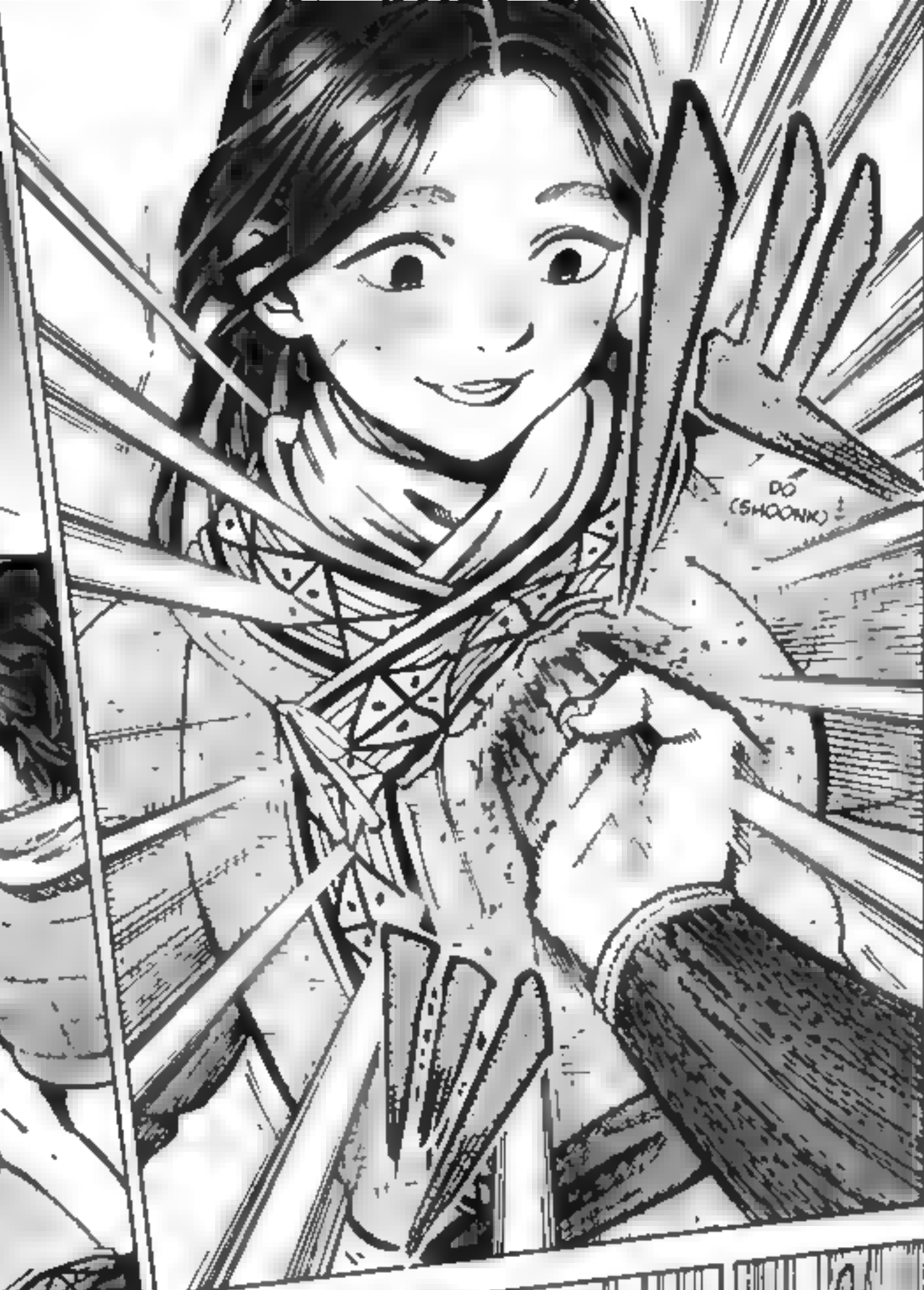
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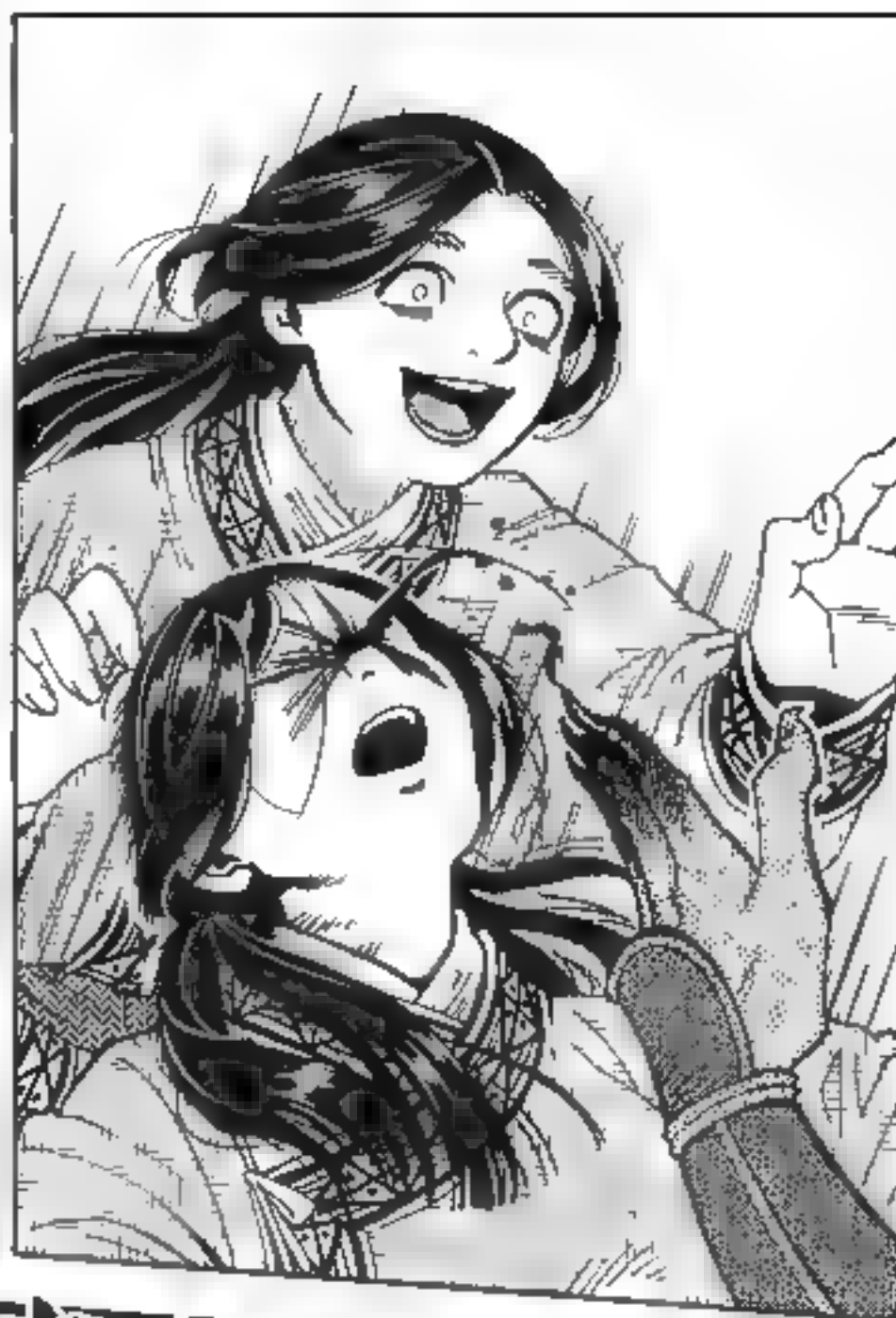












THEY'RE WEAK... BUT THOSE NEEDLES ARE TROUBLE.

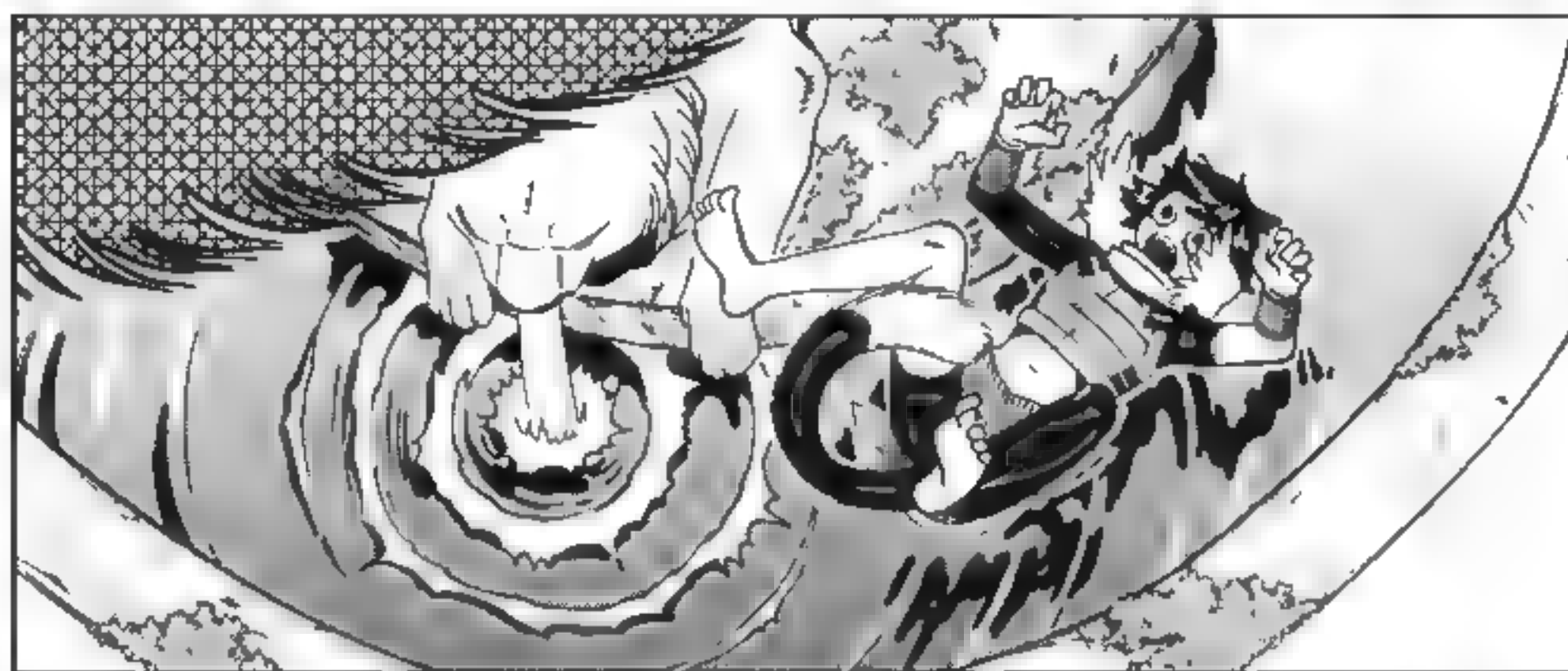
IS THAT WHAT THEY USE TO SUCK OUT "LIFE FORCE"?

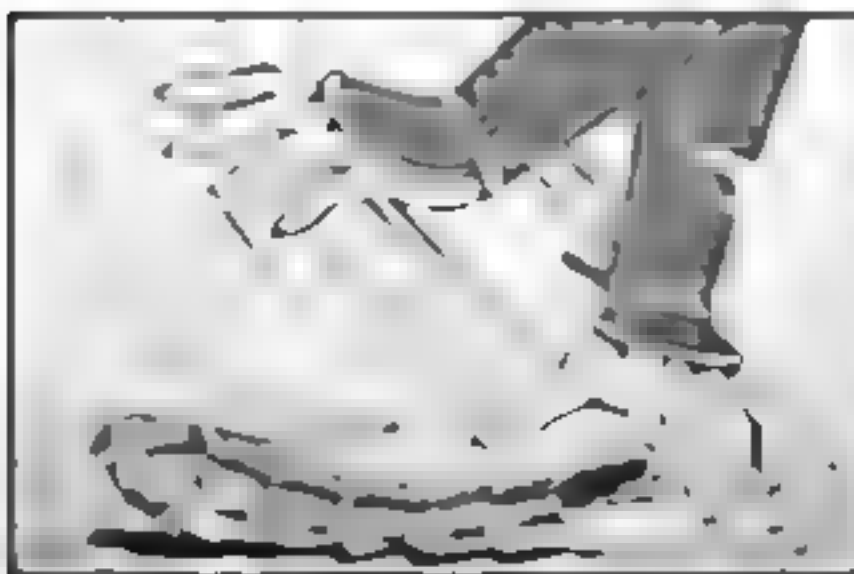








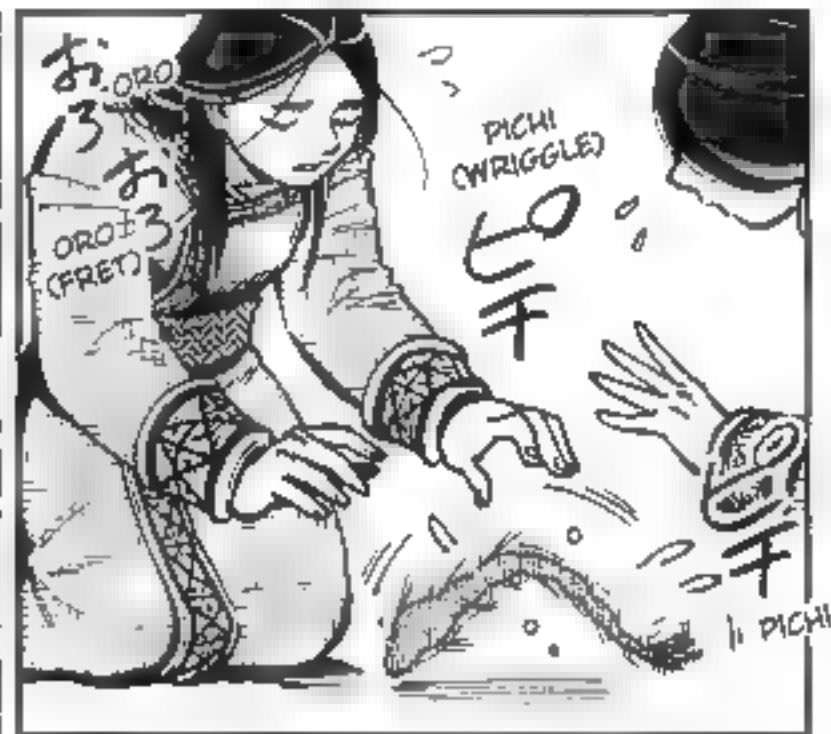
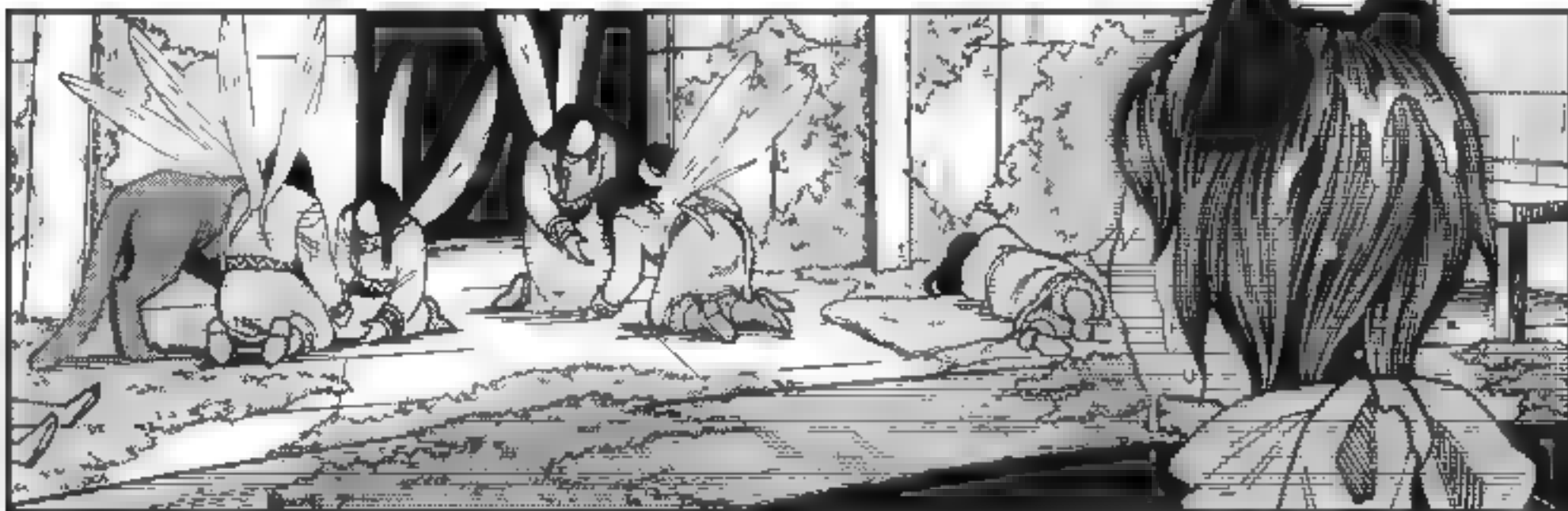








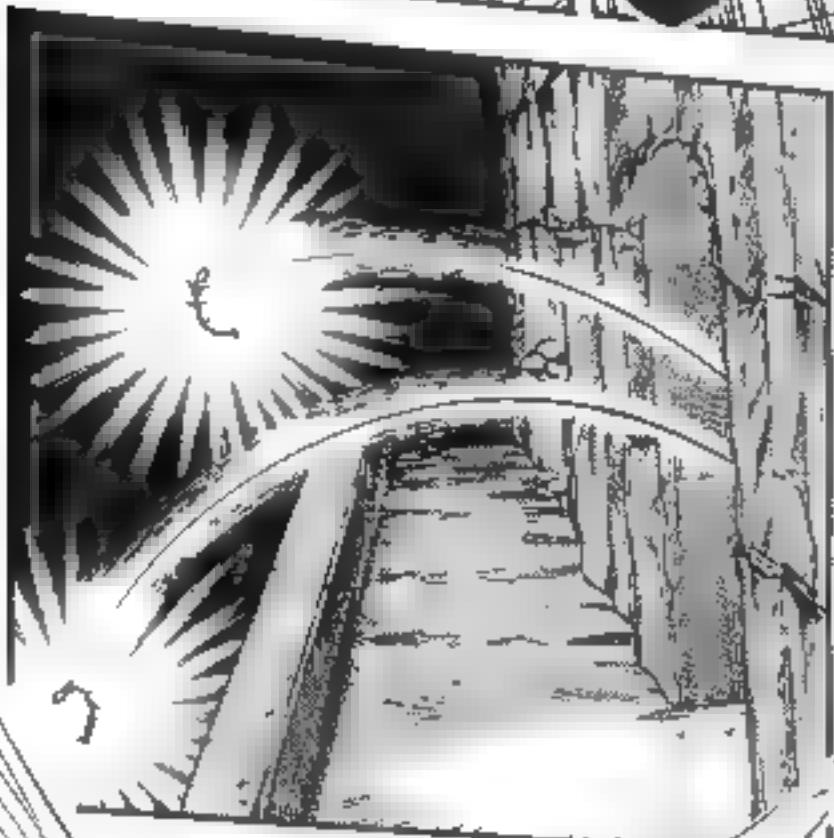
EWAAAH!

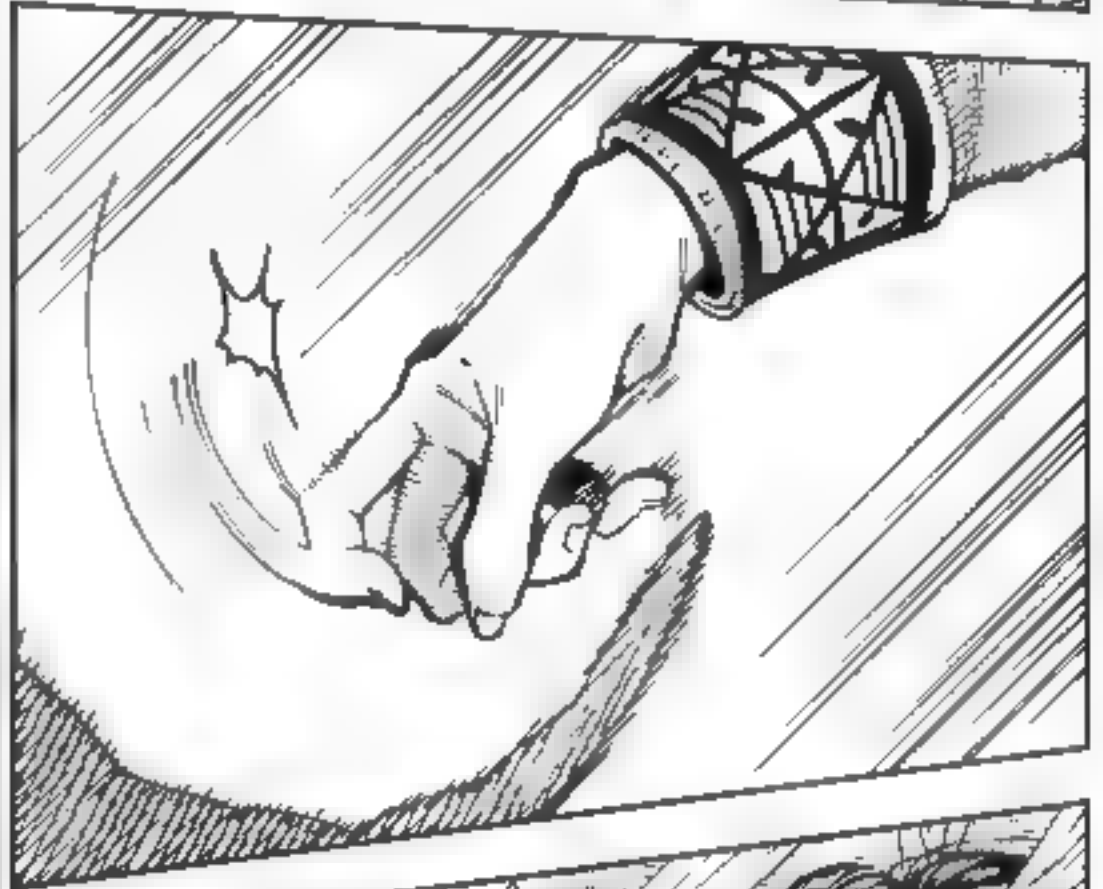


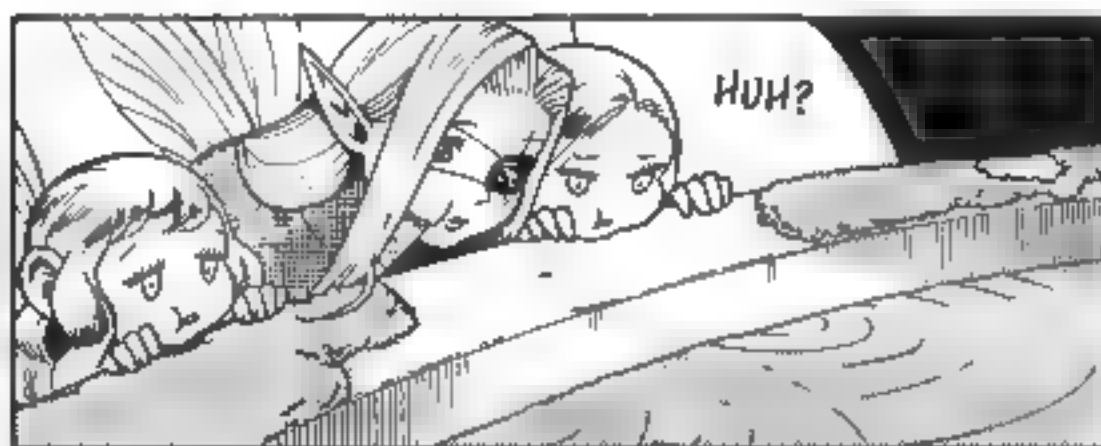
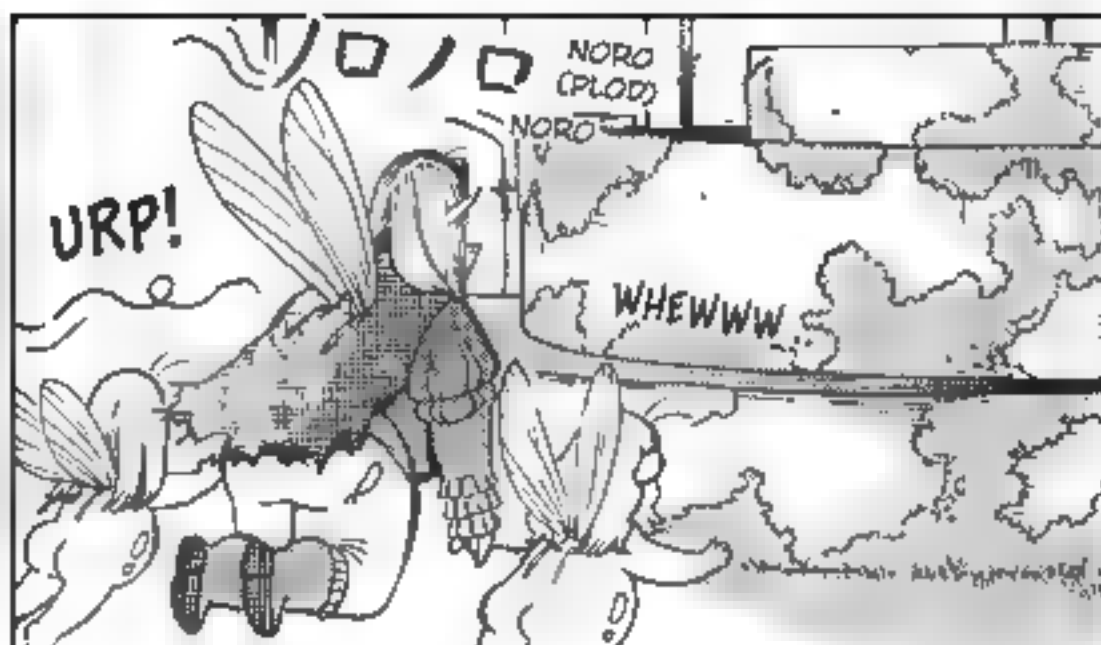
PICHI
(WRIGGLE)

PICHI



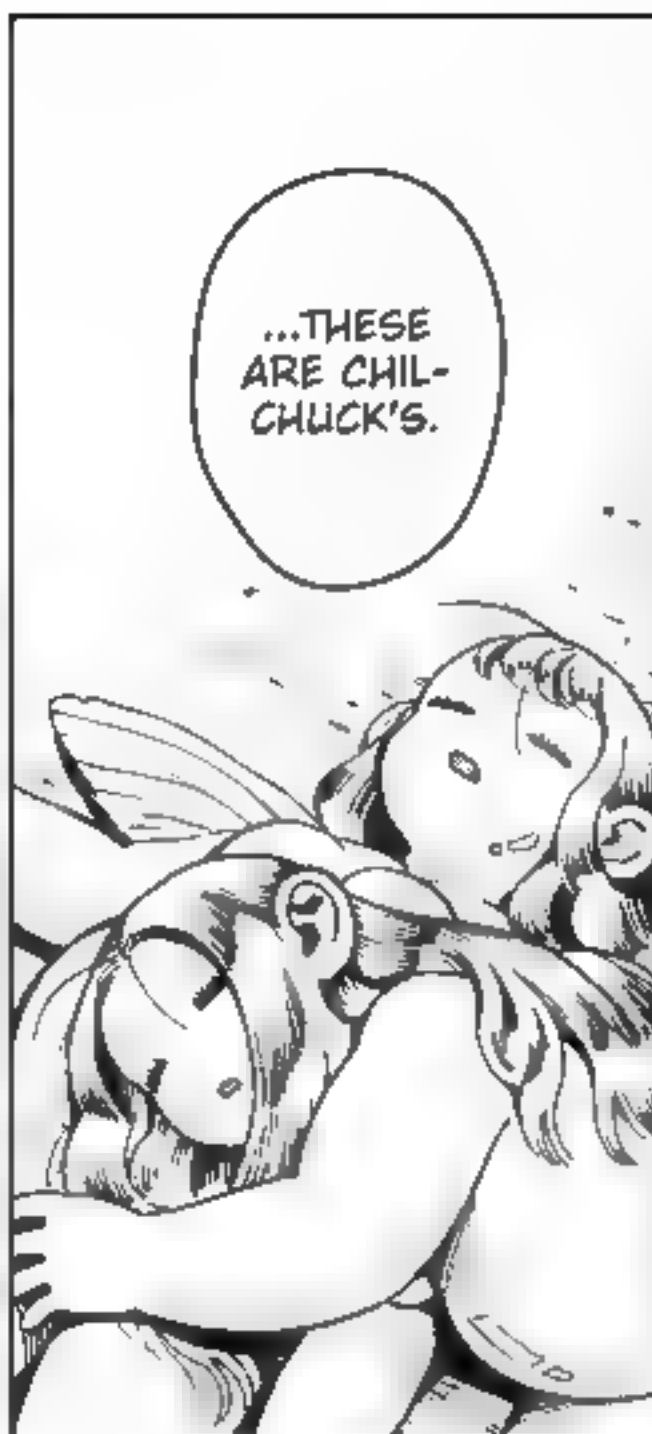








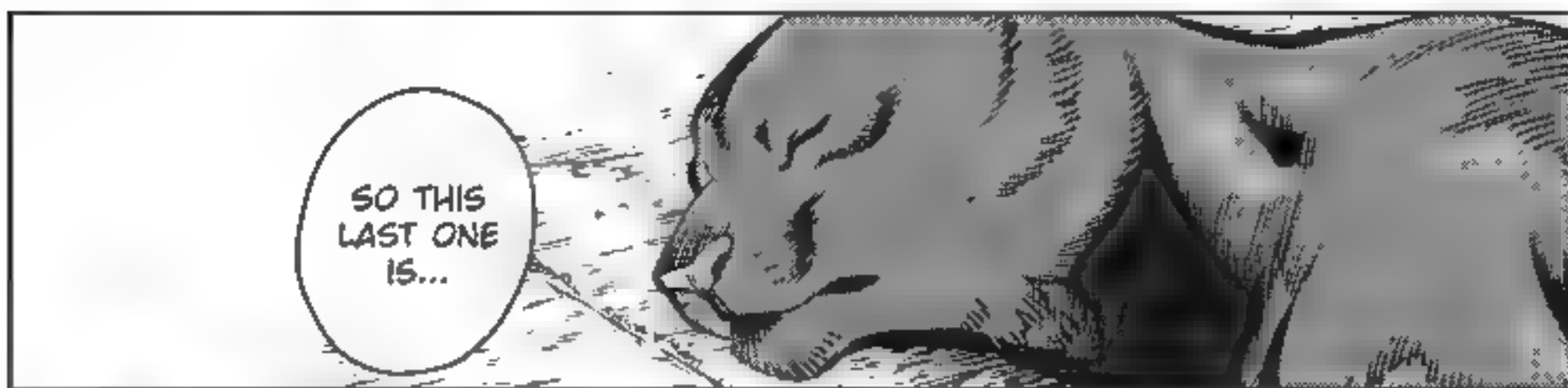
THIS IS THE ONE THAT TRIED TO CHARM ME.



...THESE ARE CHIL-CHUCK'S.



UH, SO... THIS IS THE SUCCUBUS THAT CHARMED MARCILLE, AND...



SO THIS LAST ONE IS...



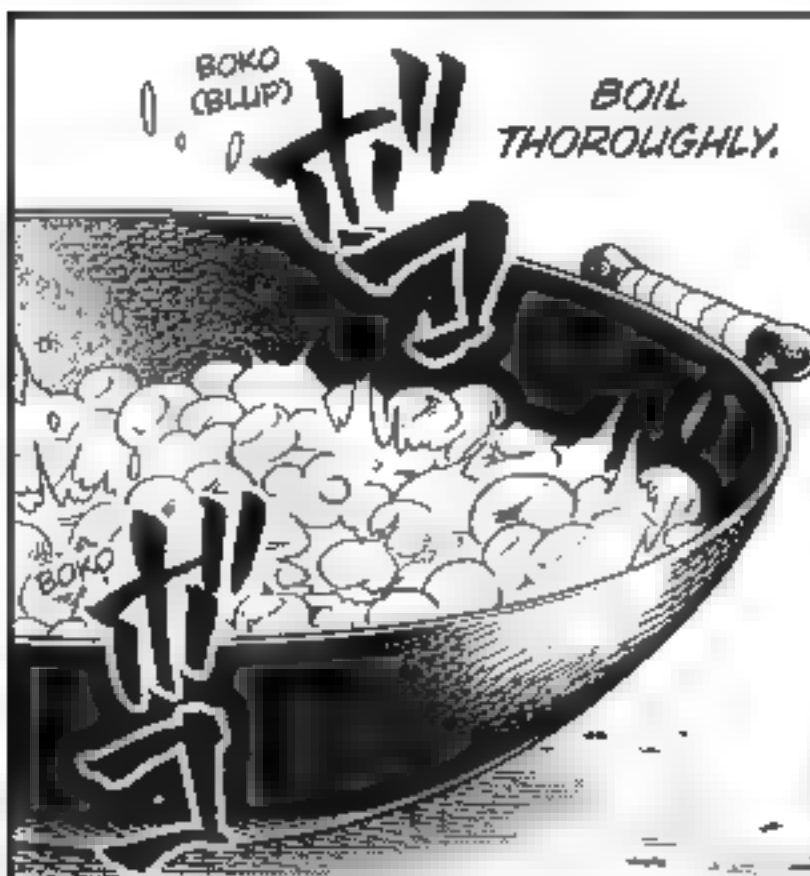
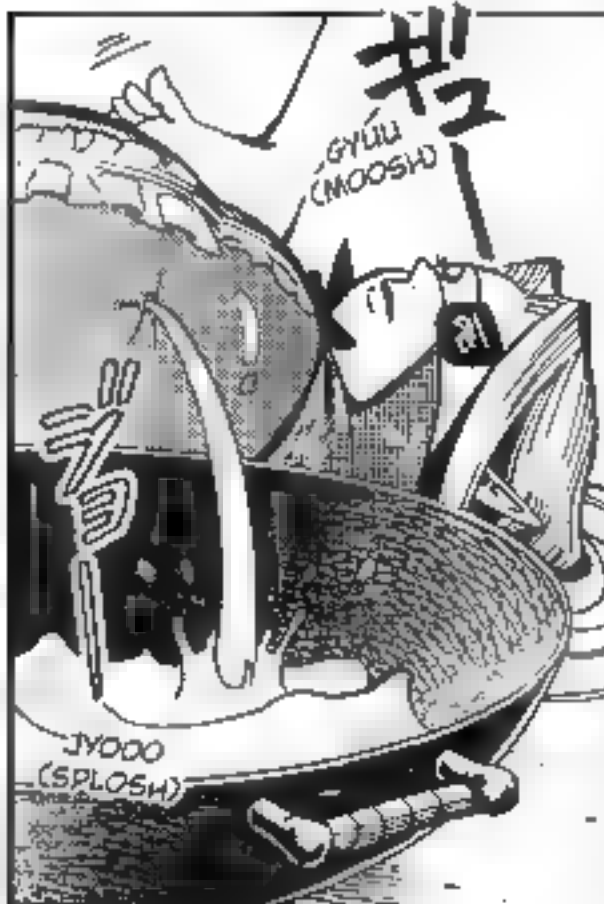
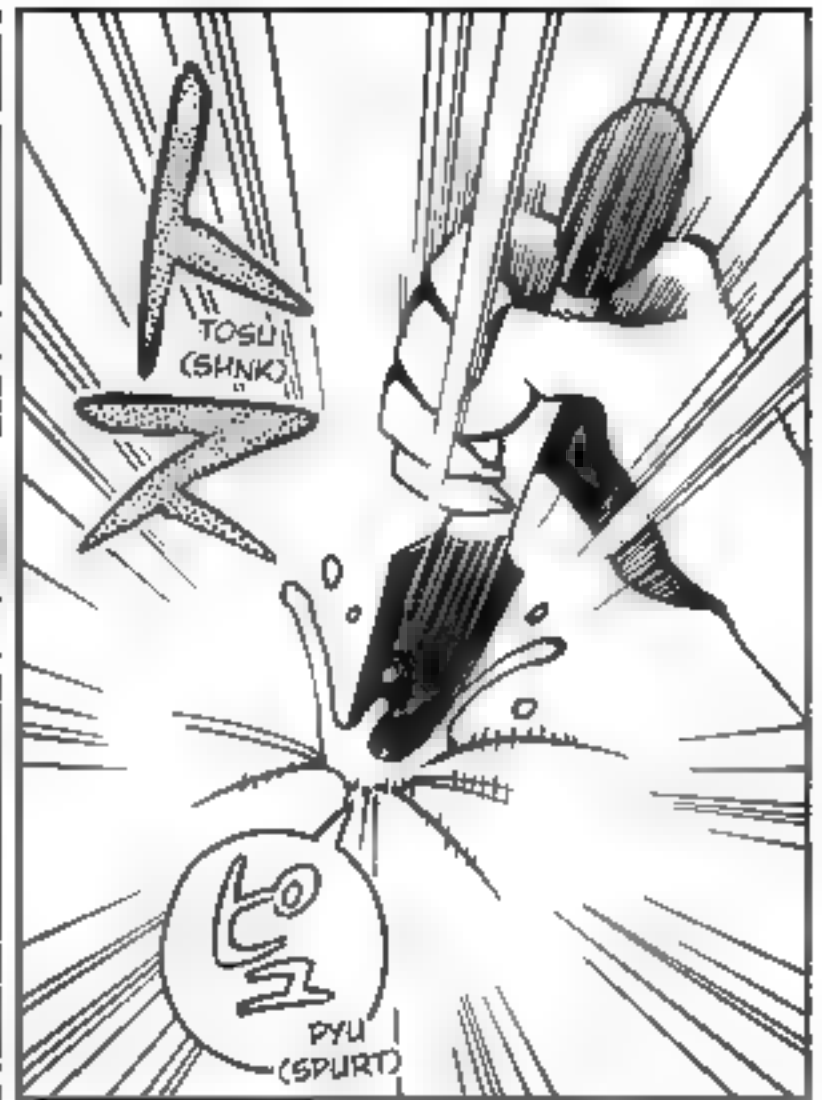
BUT THAT WOULDN'T HAVE ANY EFFECT ON ME.

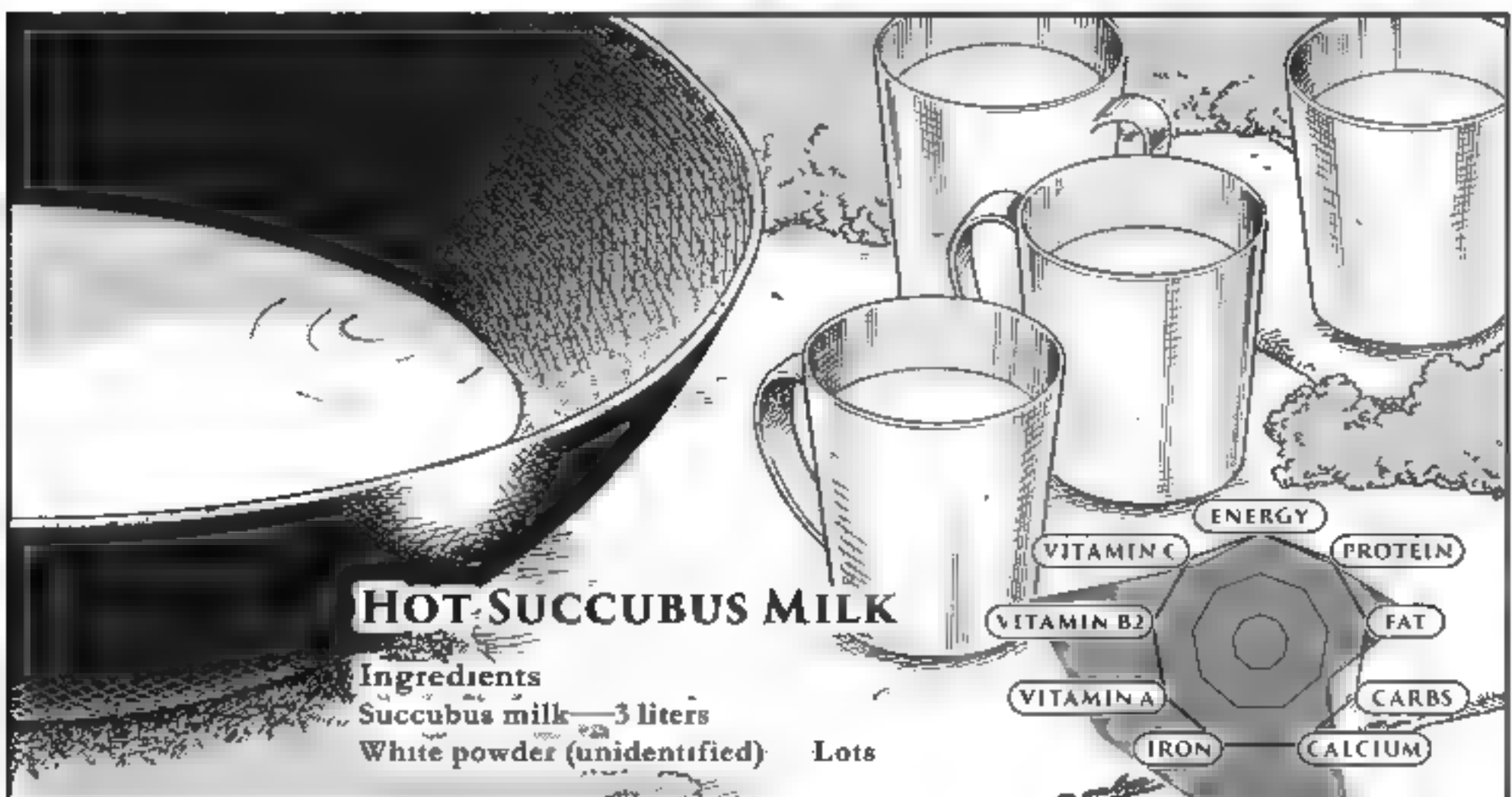
DON'T TELL ME... WAS IT TRYING TO CHARM THE MONSTER THAT'S MIXED INTO ME!?

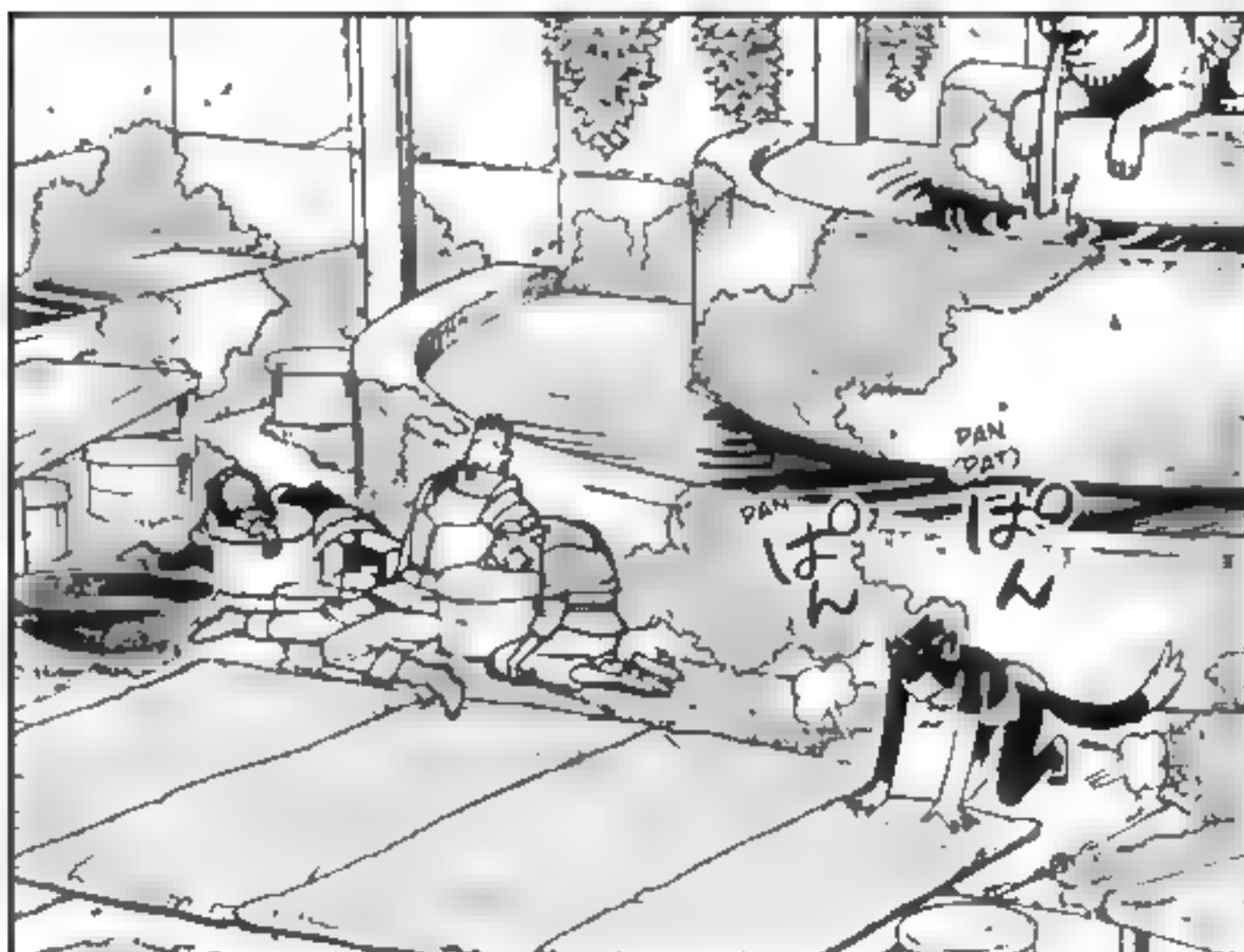


A CAT...







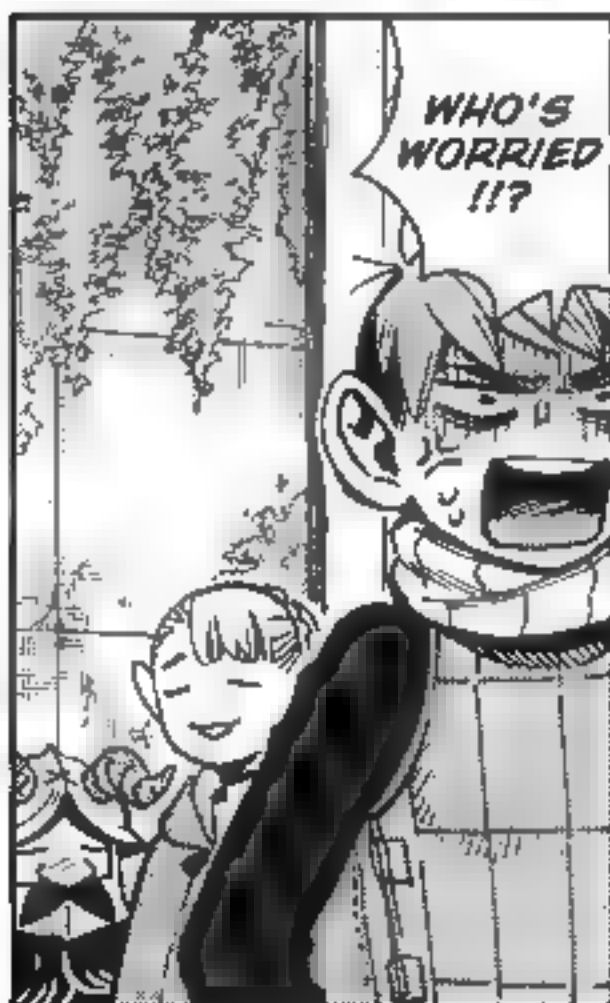


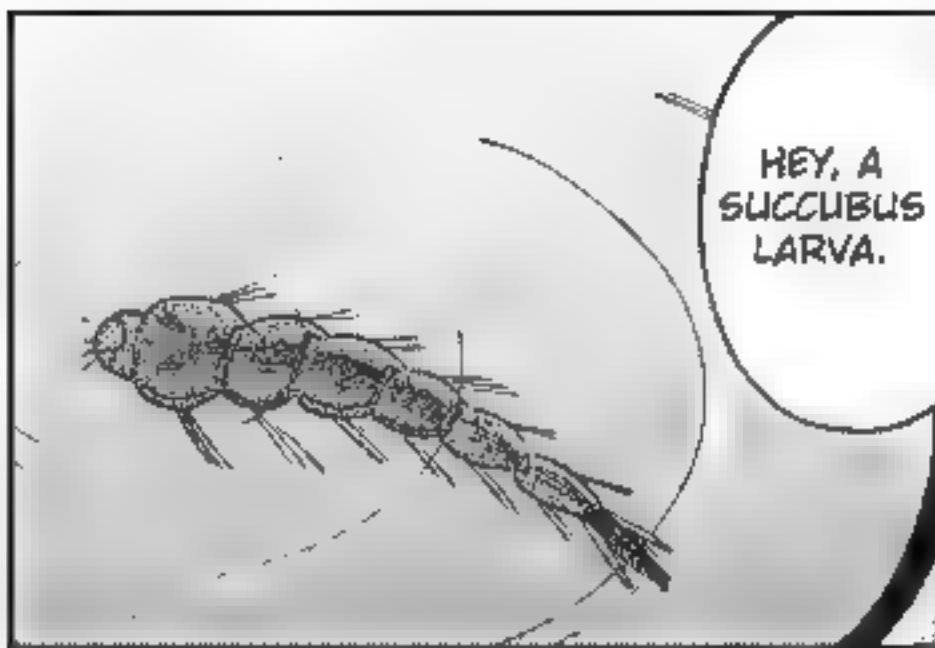










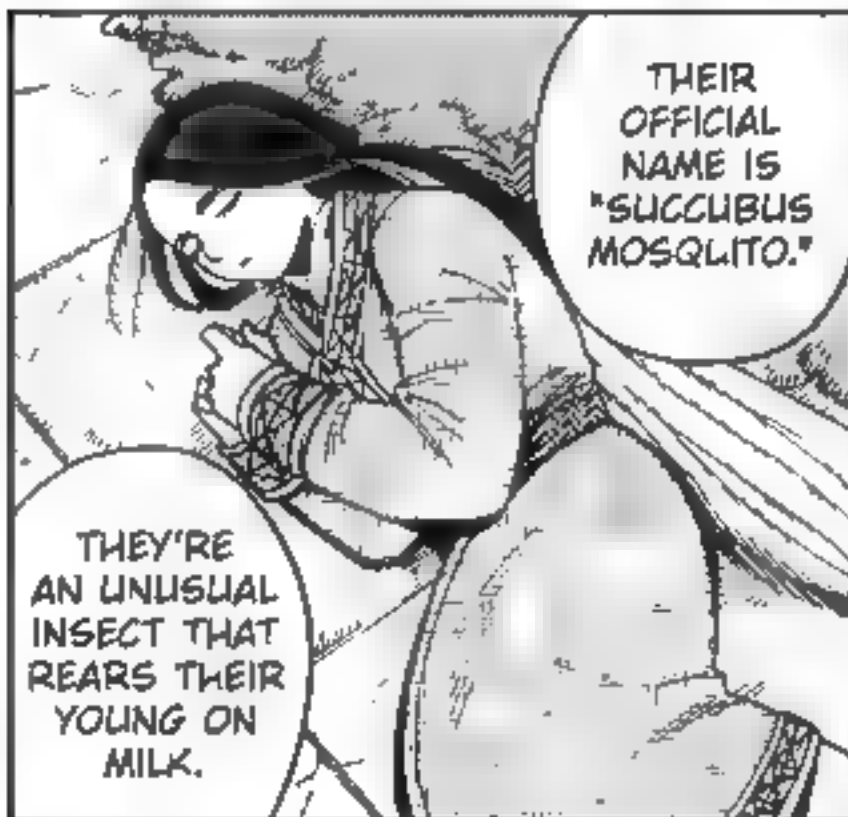


HEY, A
SUCCUBUS
LARVA.



AHA!

THIS
FOUNTAIN
MUST HAVE
BEEN THEIR
BREEDING
GROUND.



THEIR
OFFICIAL
NAME IS
"SUCCUBUS
MOSQUITO."

THEY'RE
AN UNUSUAL
INSECT THAT
REARS THEIR
YOUNG ON
MILK.



...IN OTHER
WORDS, BLOOD
AND THE
LIKE, FROM
ANIMALS.

THEIR BODIES
CONVERT IT INTO
MOTHER'S MILK,
WHICH THEY
FEED TO THEIR
YOUNG.

SUCCUBUS
TAKE LIFE
FORCE...

*PARENTHETICALLY, THE
MILK IS GIVEN THROUGH
THEIR REARS.



IT GIVES
INTENSE
PLEASURE,
BUT WHEN
THAT
WEARS
OFF—



...WHEN THEY
DRINK BLOOD,
THEY INJECT
SALIVA THAT
HAS NUMBING
PROPERTIES.

IT
PREVENTS
CLOTTING
AND KEEPS
THEIR
PREY FROM
STRUG-
GLING.

THAT'S
RIGHT.
JUST LIKE
ACTUAL
MOSQUI-
TOES...

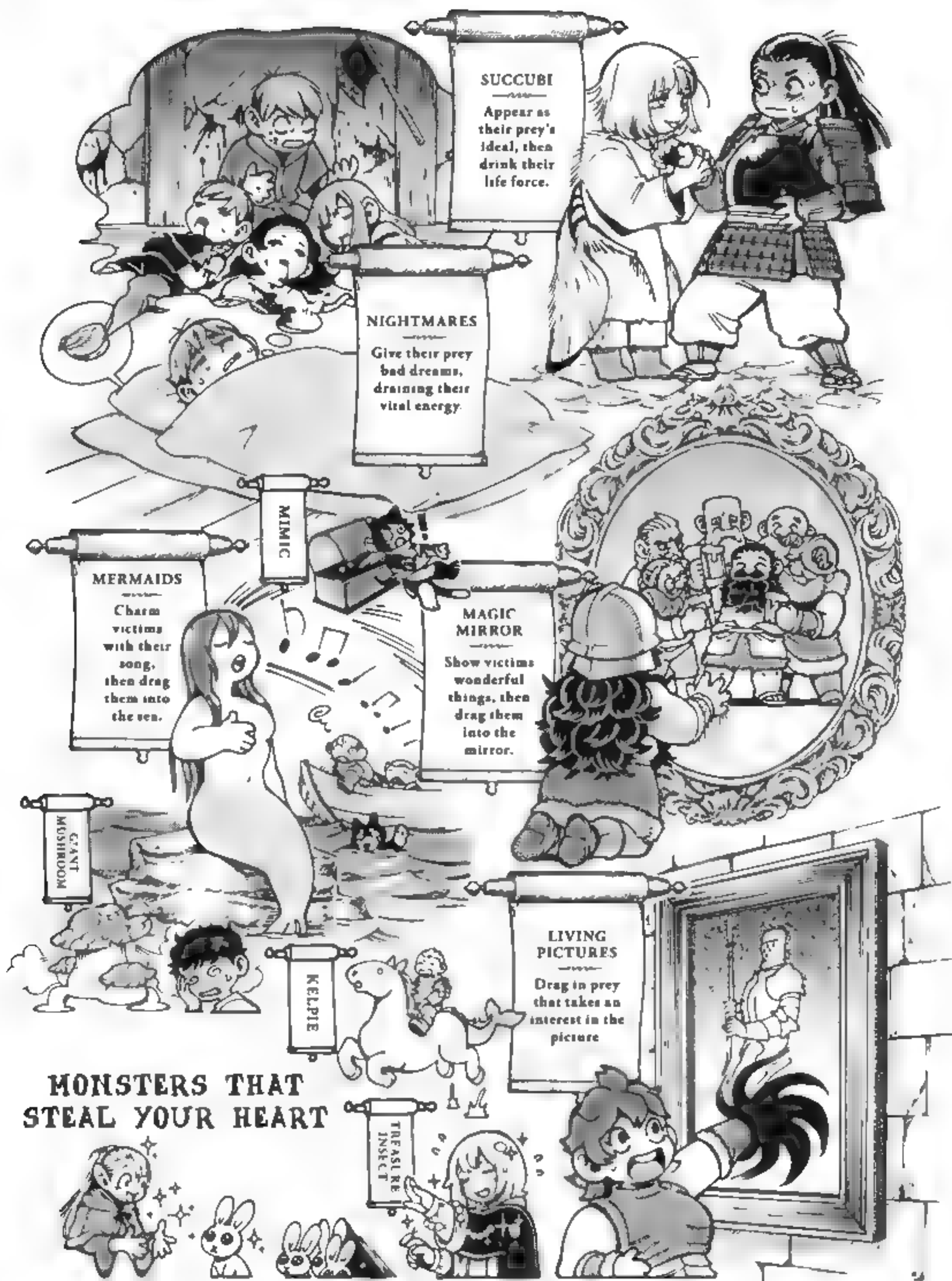


HUH...?

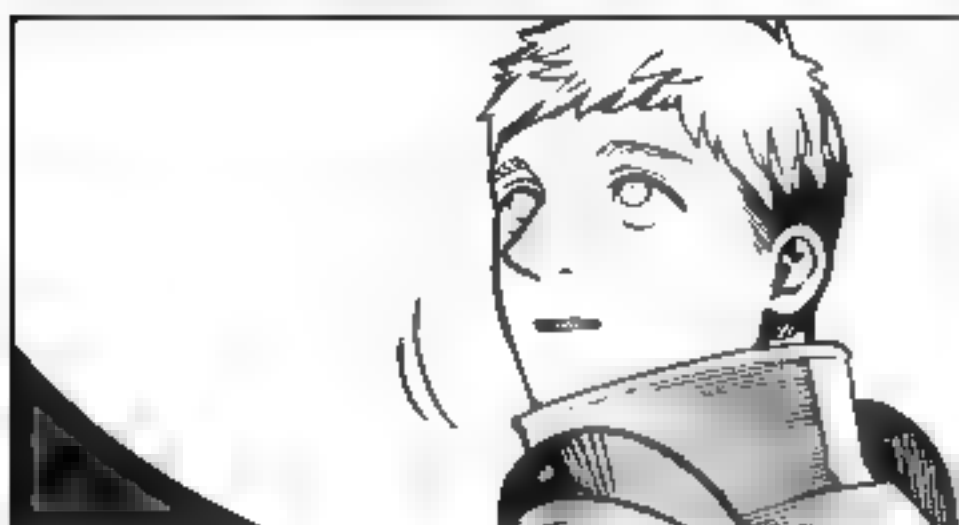
SO...
THEY'RE
MOSQUI-
TOES?







MONSTERS THAT
STEAL YOUR HEART













YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE SOMETHING INHUMAN, HAVEN'T YOU?

B-BUT OUR FRIENDS...



LAIOS, BECOME A MONSTER.

YOU WON'T HAVE TO HURT FALIN THAT WAY.



IZUMI

GIGA DOUBLE-HEADED FLAME ICE CHIL-CHUCK

GIGA DOUBLE-HEADED FLAME ICE SENSHI

I ALREADY BIT ALL OF THEM.

OH, THEM. NO WORRIES!



EXACTLY.

OKAY, HERE GOES.

OH, I WON'T WORRY, THEN...





WELL, I
DON'T HAVE
A SPECIFIC
NAME OR
SHAPE...

...BUT
MOST
PEOPLE
CALL ME
"THE
WINGED
LION."

I
HAVEN'T
INTRO-
DUCED
MYSELF.

I AM...



KEN-
SUKE?

...THROUGH
THE EYES OF
YOUR SMALL
FRIEND
HERE.



LAIOS.
I'VE BEEN
WATCHING
YOU
ALL THIS
TIME.

YOUR
GROUP IS
NEARING
THE BOTTOM
OF THE
DUNGEON...

AND SO
I'M FINALLY
ABLE TO
SPEAK TO
YOU



HUH!?
YOU'RE
THE...?



HOW-
EVER.

BEFORE
THAT!



...TO
HELP YOU
DEFEAT
SISSEL, THE
LUNATIC
MAGICIAN.

YOU
WANT
ME...



UM.
WE'RE...

I
KNOW.



TH-THE
SAVIOR...!?



LAIOS,
YOU
REALLY
MUST BE
MORE
SELF-
AWARE!



WHY
ME?

I
HAVE A
QUES-
TION.

UNDER-
STAND
THAT YOU
ARE THE
SAVIOR
OF THIS
COUNTRY!



I DID
IT ON
SISSEL'S
REQUEST,
BUT THE
PEOPLE
AND MON-
STERS...
WELL.



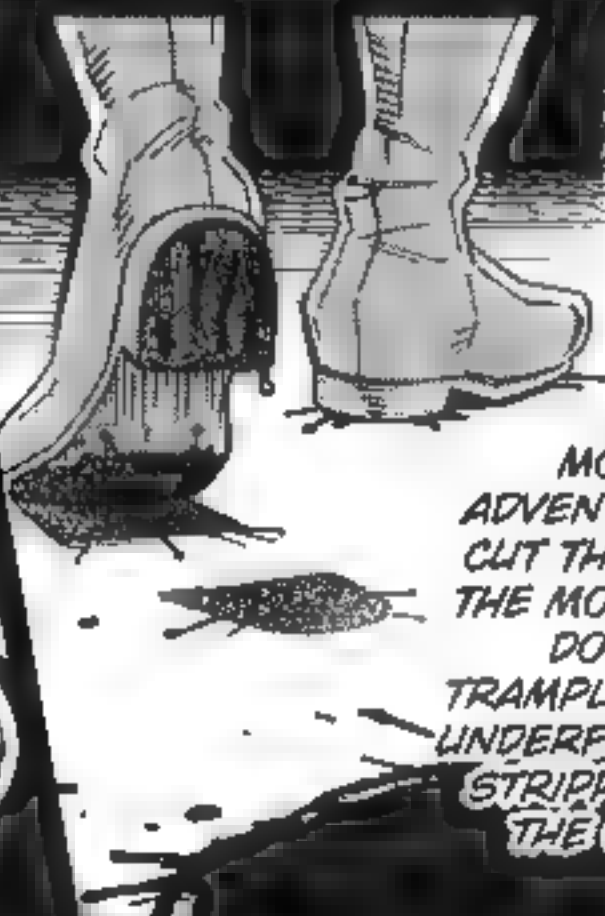
I CREATED
THE DUNGEON
AND ITS
MONSTERS TO
PROTECT THIS
LAND AND ITS
PEOPLE.



...I...

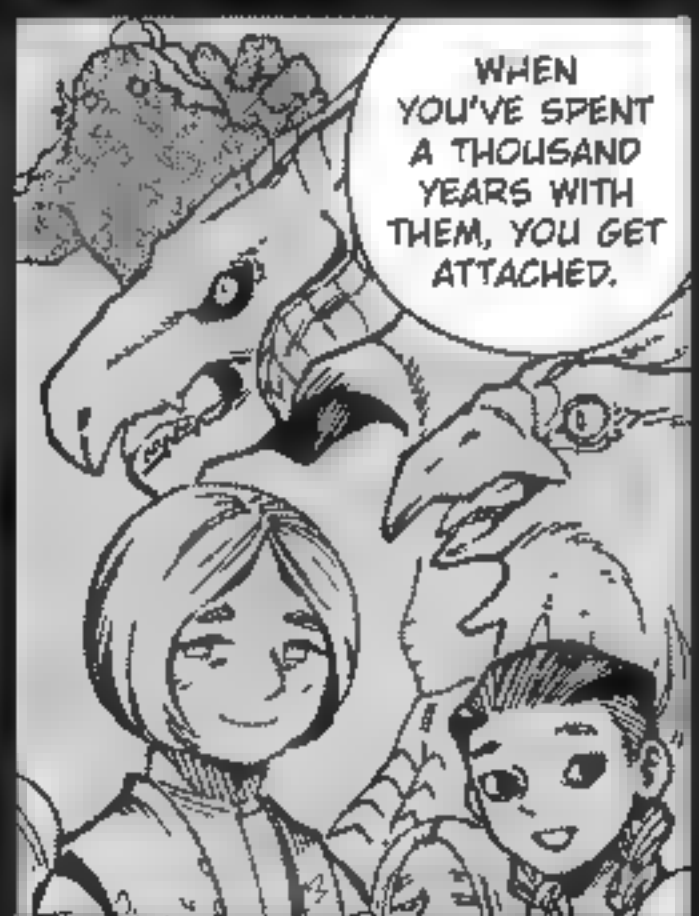


BUT YOU
WERE
DIFFERENT.



THE
PEOPLE
BECAME
GHOSTS.

MOST
ADVENTURERS
CUT THEM AND
THE MONSTERS
DOWN,
TRAMPLED THEM
UNDERFOOT, AND
STRIPPED OFF
THE GOLD.



WHEN
YOU'VE SPENT
A THOUSAND
YEARS WITH
THEM, YOU GET
ATTACHED.



YOU
EAT THEM,
SO THEIR
DEATHS
WON'T BE
WASTED.

YOU
LOVE THE
MONSTERS.



AND I MADE
SHERBET.

I'M PRETTY
SURE I'VE
KILLED
QUITE A FEW
MYSELF.

I
DON'T
DENY
THAT.

IT
SEEMS
SIMILAR,
BUT IT
TRULY IS
DIFFER-
ENT.



I
WANT TO
ENTRUST
YOU WITH
THIS
LAND...

LAIOS!

...AND ITS
MONSTERS.



THIS IS
A GOOD
CHANCE.

WHY DON'T
WE LOOK AT
WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN...

...IF YOU
BECAME KING
OF THIS
COUNTRY?



HM.



MOJI
(FIDGET)
もじもじ
もじ
MOJI

TH-
THAT'S
KIND OF,
UH...

YOU'RE
STILL
HESITANT?



BROTHER,
WAKE UP.

BROTHER
...



HER
LOWER
HALF IS
BACK.



FALIN...

IT'S
TIME FOR
BREAKFAST.

EVERY-
ONE'S
WAITING.



IT'S A
THOUGHT
EXPERIMENT
BUILT
ON YOUR
DREAM.

IS
THIS A
DREAM
TOO?



WHOA!
WHAT IS
THIS
PLACE...?



MORNING,
YOUR
MAJESTY!



MORNING.



GOOD
MORNING,
YOUR
MAJESTY.



GOOD
MORNING
...



YOUR
CITIZENS.



WHO ARE
THOSE
PEOPLE?



ALL
RIGHT.
I'LL LET
LORD
SENSHI
KNOW.

A READY
ANSWER?

WYVERN
...



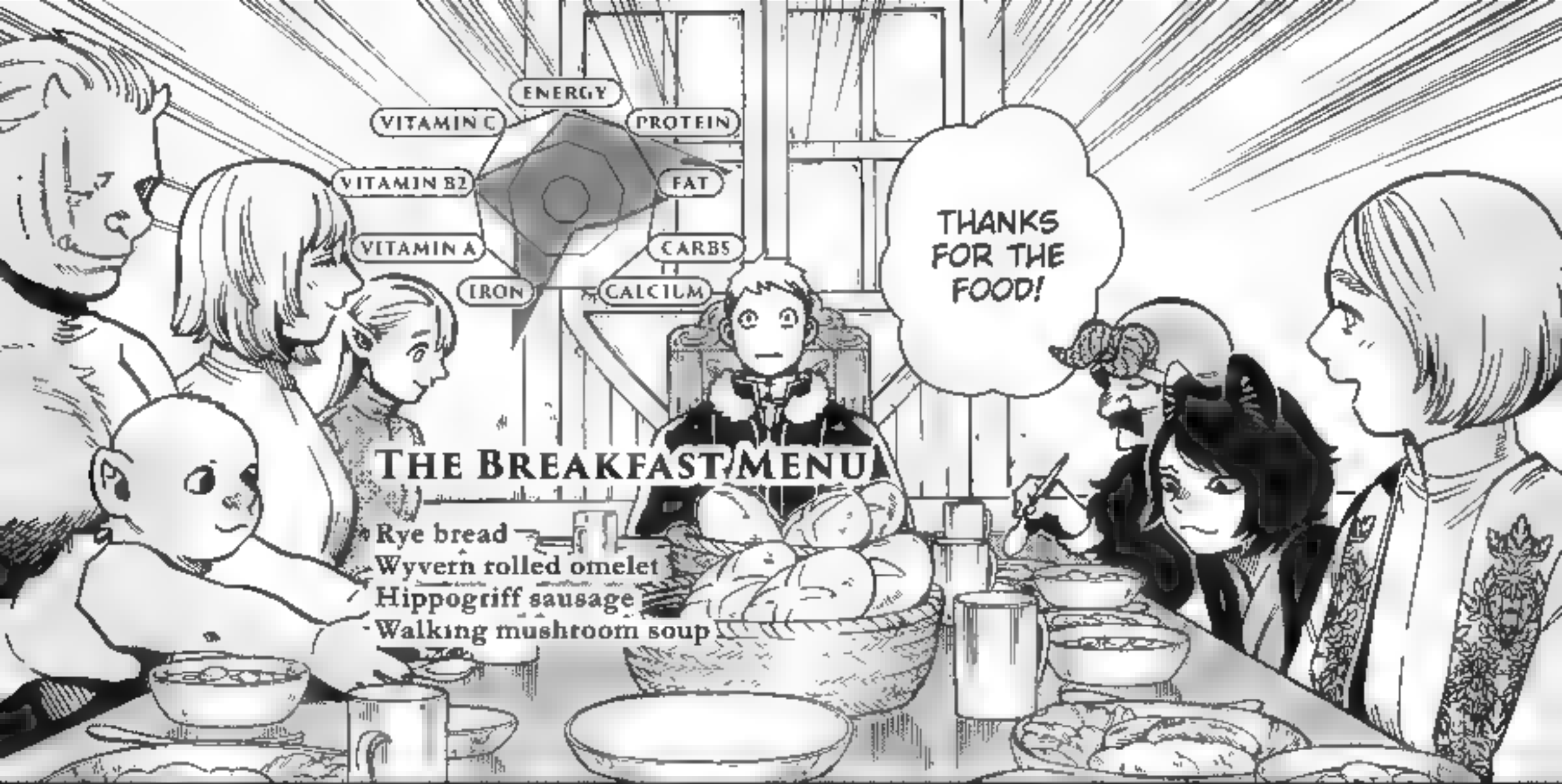
COCKA-
TRICE OR
BASILISK?

WE
HAVE
WYVERN
EGGS
AS
WELL.

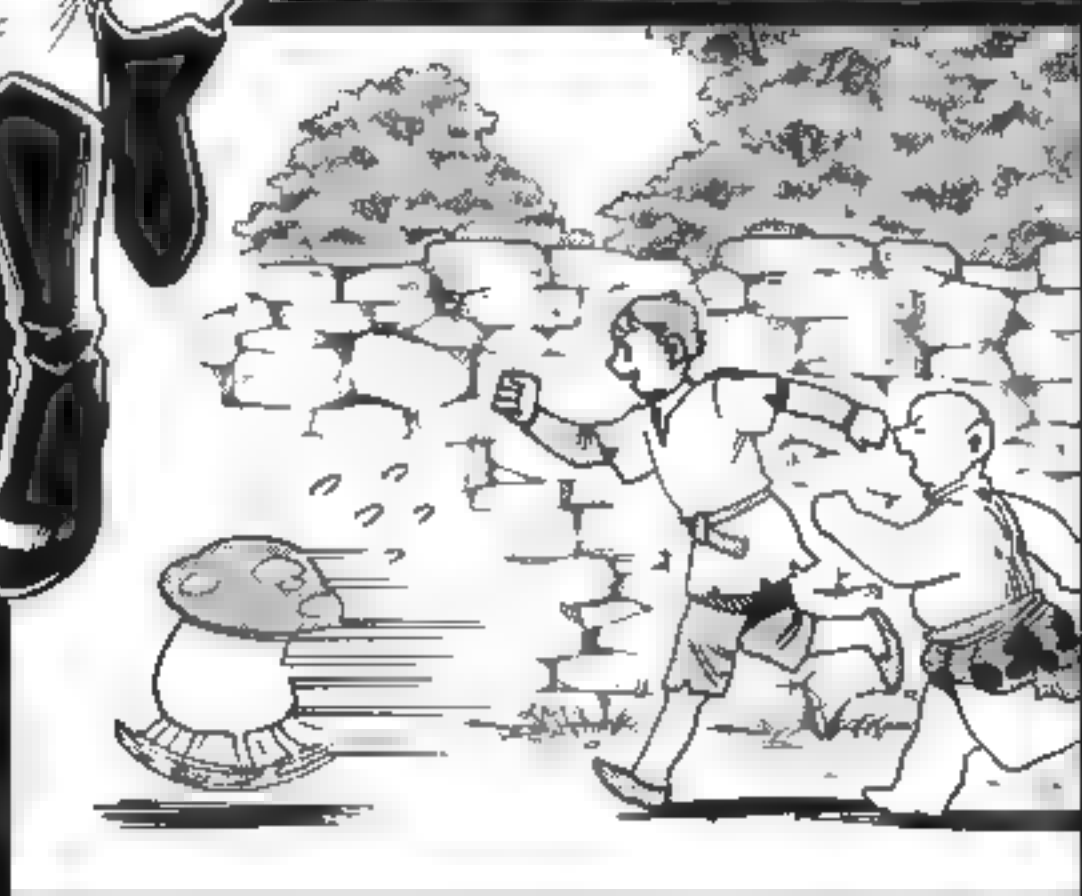
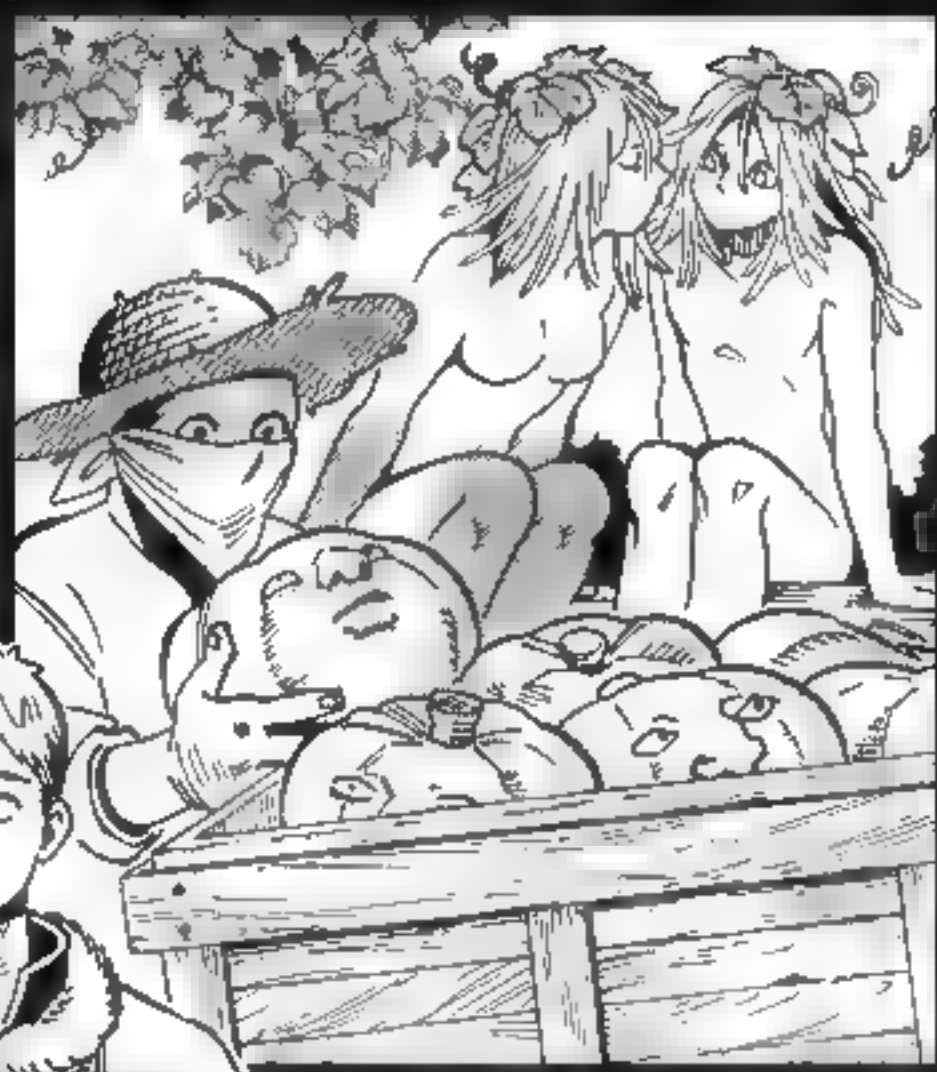
WHAT KIND
OF ROLLED
OMELET
DID YOU
WANT THIS
MORNING?

OH,
THAT'S
RIGHT,
MASTER
LAIOS.











YOU SEEM TO HAVE BANNED EXPLORATION...

I'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE EITHER. BUT...

INDEED IT IS. YOU BUILT THIS TOWN.

...AND YOUR ECONOMY TURNS ON THE PRODUCTS OF HARMLESS MONSTERS.



...WHAT DO YOU THINK?



IS THIS... INSIDE THE DUNGEON?



THE DUNGEON OBEYS ITS MASTER'S WISHES.

WHY ARE YOU SURPRISED?

SISSSEL COMMANDED THEM NOT TO ATTACK THE PEOPLE OF HIS COUNTRY.



HARMLESS MONSTERS...

IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?

SO WE TRADE WITH THE WORLD OUTSIDE THE DUNGEON!?



I AM MERELY POWER.

THE POWER TO FULFILL THE WISH OF THE LORD OF THE DUNGEON.



...WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU?

YOU CAN
EAT IT
JUST AS
IT IS.

HERE,
HAVE
ONE.

IT'S A
FRESH-
PICKED
BARO-
METZ.

MISTER
LAIOS.

GIVE
THESE TO
MISTER
SENSHI!

ALSO
THIS,
THIS,
AND
THIS.

IT'S A
DREAM, SO
I CAN'T
TASTE IT.

UU...

LET ME
HAVE A
BITE.

SHAKU
GURUNCHO
ミヤク

IT'S
STILL AN
EMBRYO?

GAKKUSHI
(DROOP)
がくし

...NO
GOOD.

AND
HERE I
THOUGHT
I'D HAVE
MY FIRST
MEAL IN
AGES...

SHAKU
ミヤク



HEH.



HOWEVER,
AFTER BEING
FORCED TO WATCH
YOUR MEALS, I
STARTED TO MISS
IT, REGARDLESS
OF WHAT I
ACTUALLY
REQUIRE.

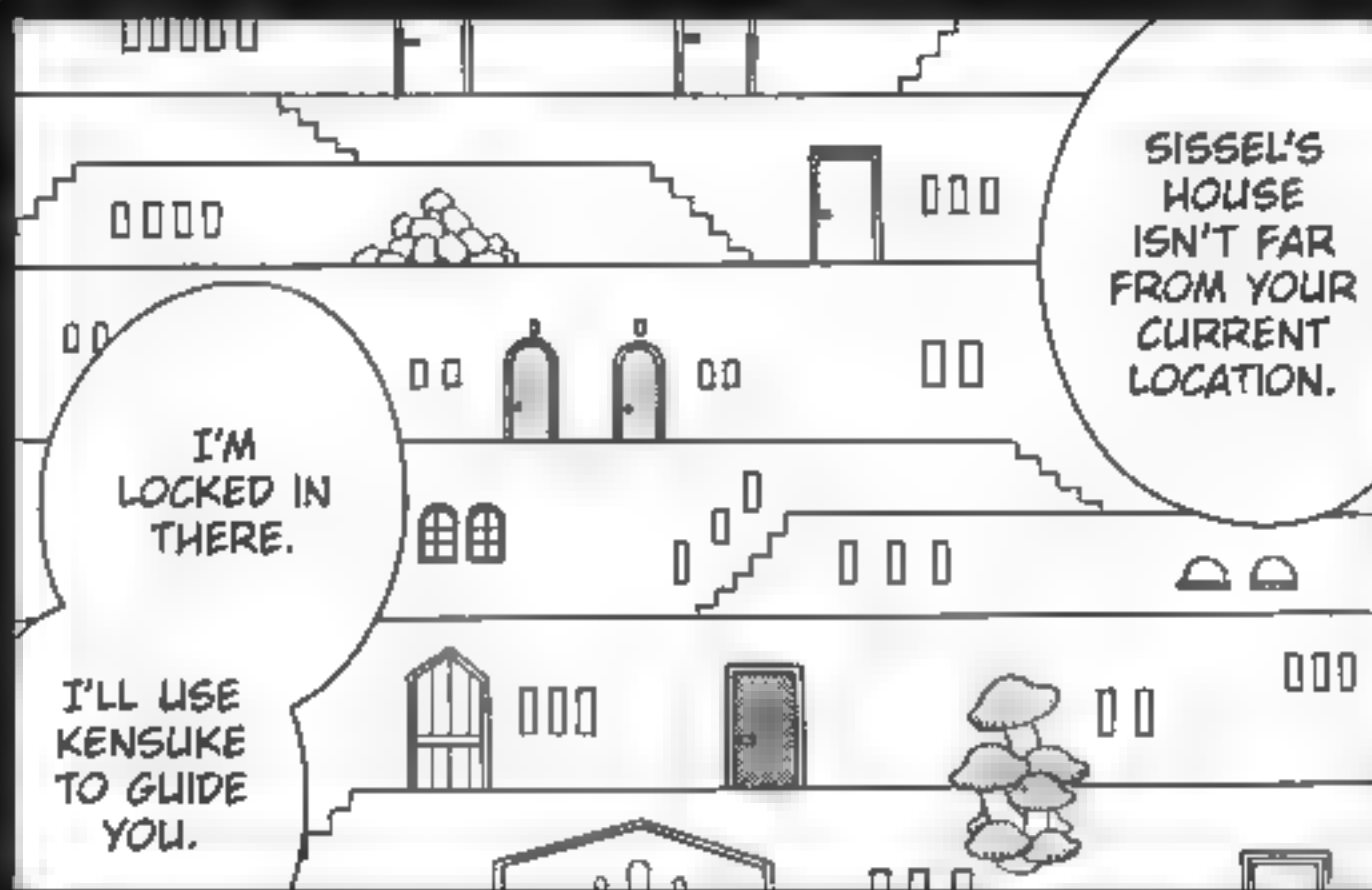
YOU
EAT SUCH
DELICIOUS-
LOOKING
THINGS—
EVERY
SINGLE
DAY!



YOU
DON'T
EAT?

...IT
ISN'T
SOME-
THING I
PARTIC-
ULARLY
NEED
TO DO.

AS A
PRISON-
ER...



I'M
LOCKED IN
THERE.

I'LL USE
KENSUKE
TO GUIDE
YOU.

SISSEL'S
HOUSE
ISN'T FAR
FROM YOUR
CURRENT
LOCATION.



A
PRISONER...
WHERE ARE
YOU NOW?



DIRTY
VARLET!

WAAH!
WAAH!
WAAH!



IF YOU
WATCH FOR
A CHANCE,
STEAL
IN, AND
RELEASE
ME...

...I CAN
KEEP HIS
POWER AT
BAY FOR
A LITTLE
WHILE.





YOU FILTHY
TRAITOR.



AT FIRST
HE JUST
WANTED TO
PROTECT THE
CITIZENS.



BUT AS
HE KEPT
TRYING TO
FIX MINOR
DAMAGE...




I
WONDER IF
THE LUNATIC
MAGICIAN RAN
UP AGAINST
THIS SORT OF
PROBLEM.




...I MAY
HAVE BEEN
THINKING
OF THIS
SORT OF
THING ALL
ALONG.

STILL
...



DOES IT
DISPLEASE
YOU NOW?

HM...




THE
PEOPLE
ARE POOR,
AND
THERE'S
A LOT OF
CONFLICT.

...FRANKLY,
THIS PLACE
STILL ISN'T
A UTOPIA.



IF
THERE'S A
WORLD WHERE
WE CAN
COEXIST WITH
MONSTERS,
I WANT TO
SEE IT.

I GET THE
FEELING THIS
PLACE COULD
MAKE THAT
WISH COME
TRUE.



I FOUND
THE DYNAMIC
WEIRDLY
FRUSTRATING, AND
I WONDERED IF I
COULD CHANGE IT
SOMEHOW.

...EVEN
IF ONLY
BY USING
THEM AS
FOOD.

WE'RE ALL
CREATURES
FROM THE
SAME WORLD,
YET ALL WE
CAN DO IS
KILL EACH
OTHER.

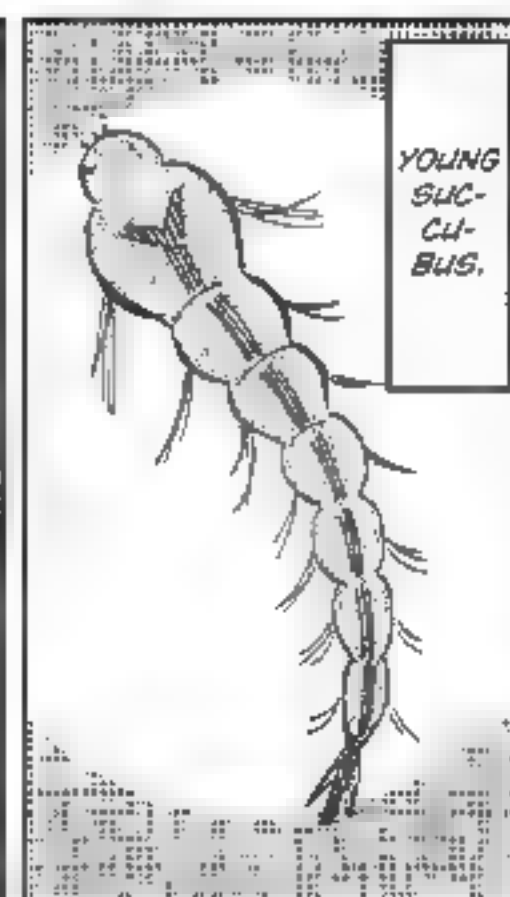
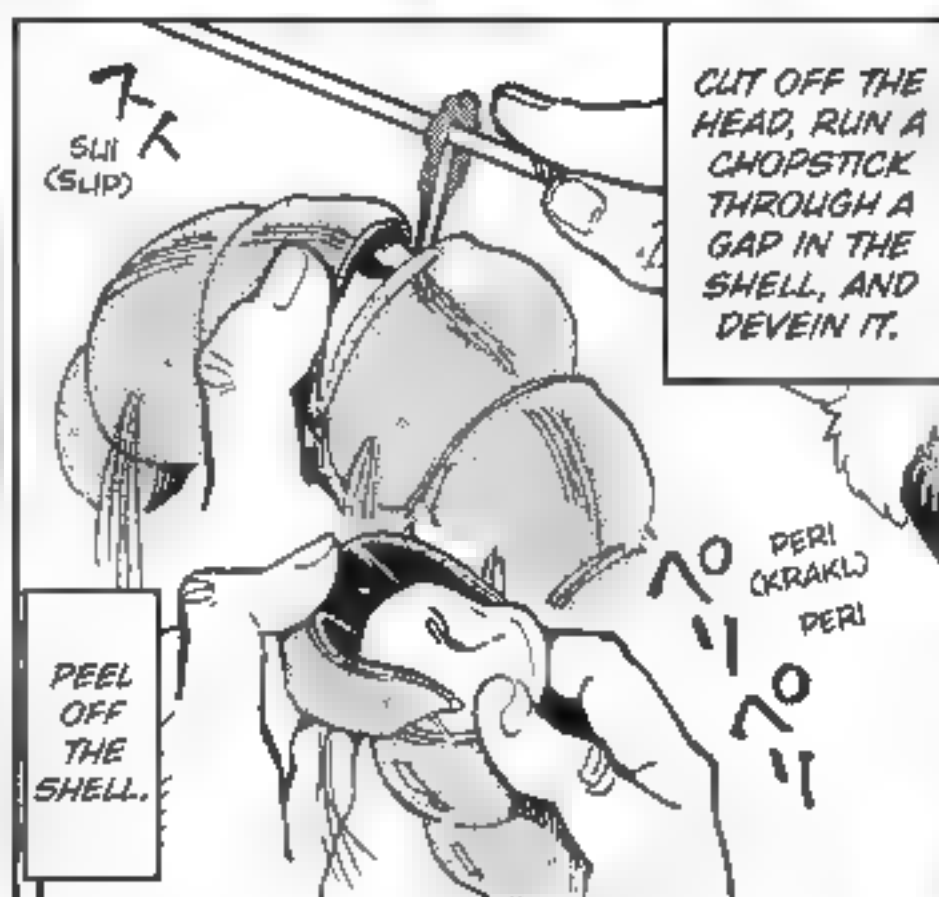


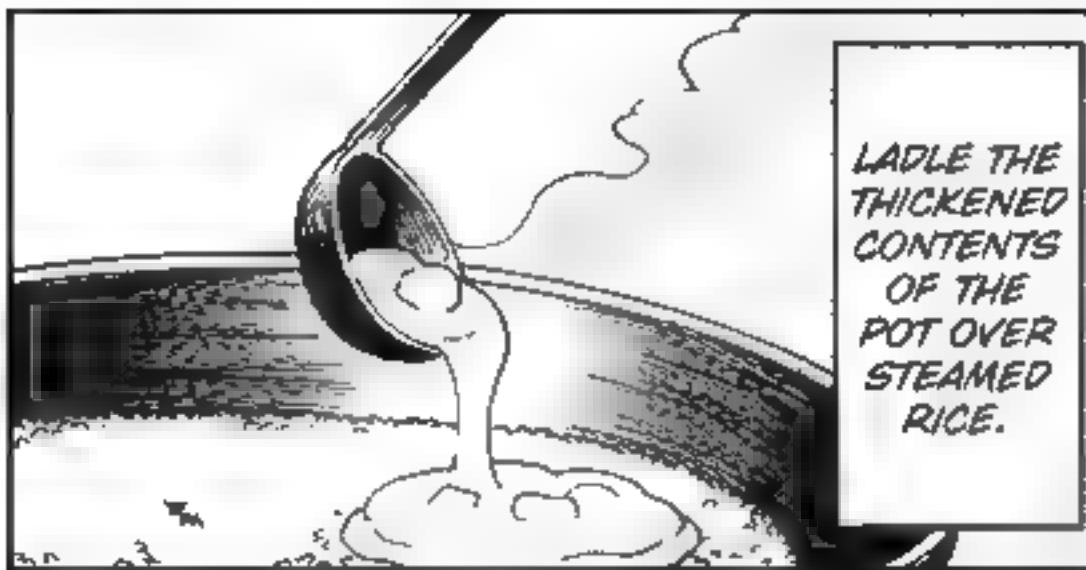




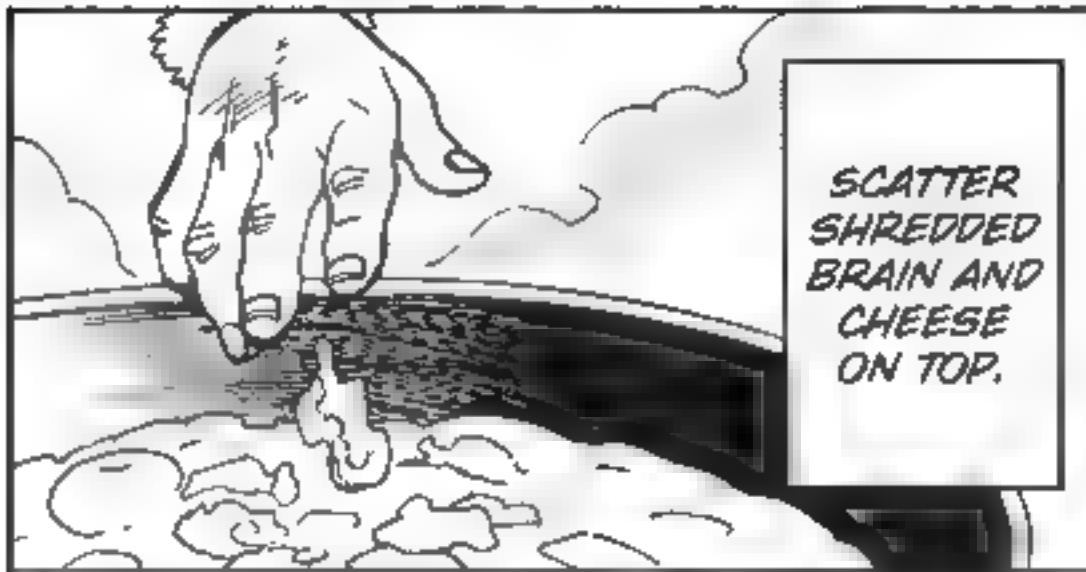




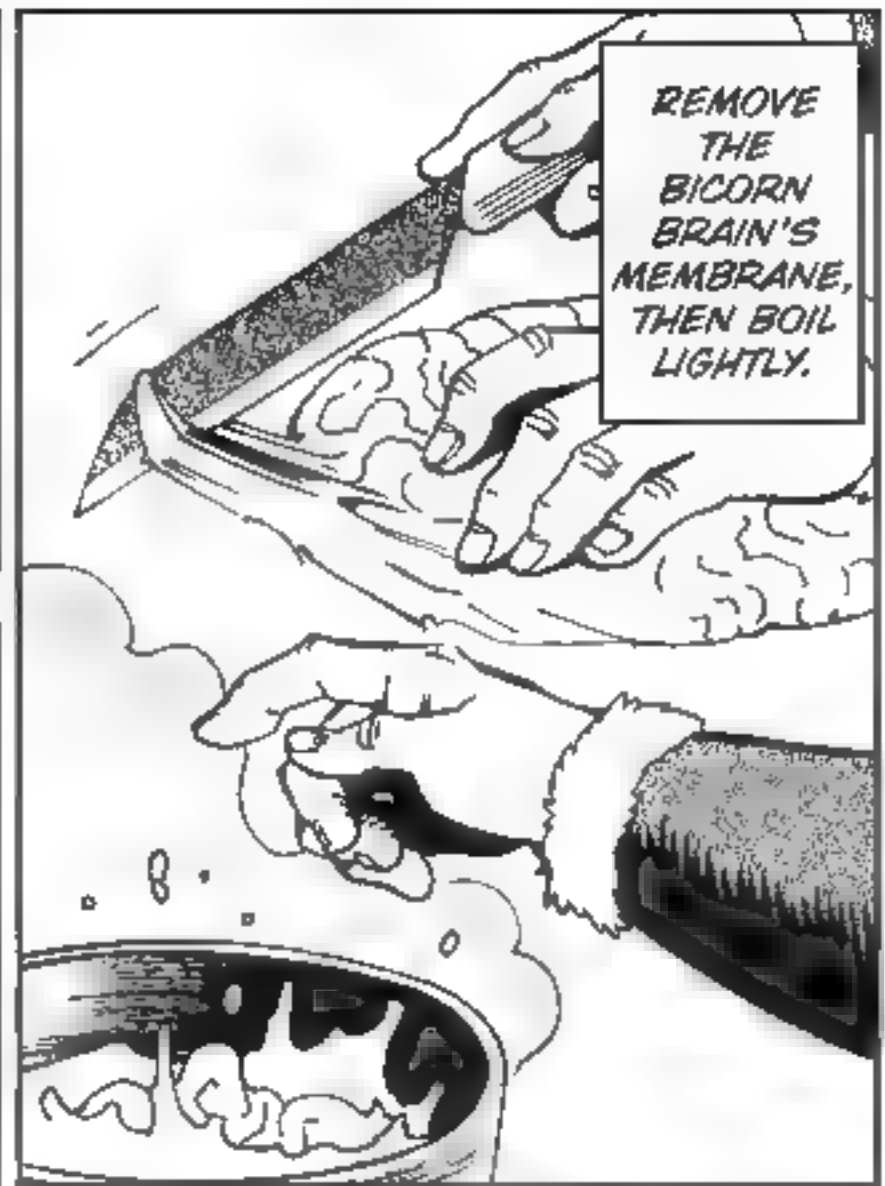




LADLE THE THICKENED CONTENTS OF THE POT OVER STEAMED RICE.



SCATTER SHREDDED BRAIN AND CHEESE ON TOP.



REMOVE THE BICORN BRAIN'S MEMBRANE, THEN BOIL LIGHTLY.



COVER AND BRIEFLY HEAT IT AGAIN, AND THEN...

ENERGY
VITAMIN C
PROTEIN
FAT
CARBS
CALCIUM
IRON
VITAMIN A
VITAMIN B₂

IT'S DONE!

SUCCUBUS AND BICORN BRAIN DORIA

Ingredients			
Succubus (larva)	5	Rice	1 large potful
Succubus milk	1 liter	Spices	To taste
Onion	1	Bicorn brain	1
Carrot	1	Wheat flour	
Walking mushroom	1	and cheese	To taste



I'VE
NEVER
EATEN
LARVA
BEFORE.



IT'S
INCREDIBLY
GOOD.

MAYBE IT'S
BECAUSE
IT'S RAISED
ON MILK...

IT'S
SPRINGY,
AND IT
TASTES
LIKE
MILK.



...NOT
BAD AT
ALL.

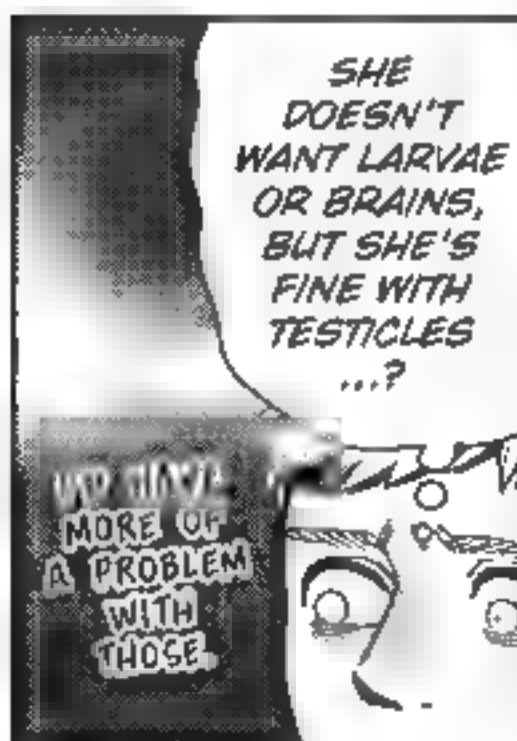


NO
REALLY,
THIS IS...



IF YOU
DON'T EAT,
YOU WON'T
LAST.

YOU TOO,
MARCILLE
AND CHIL-
CHUCK.



SHE
DOESN'T
WANT LARVAE
OR BRAINS,
BUT SHE'S
FINE WITH
TESTICLES
...?

WO HATE
MORE OF
A PROBLEM
WITH
THOSE.



YOU'VE
NEVER
HAD IT?
THEY
PUT IT IN
GOUPS.
IT'S FISH
TESTI-
CLES.

SHIRA-
KO?



IF YOU
THINK
OF IT AS
SHIRAKO,
IT'S JUST
FINE.

BRAIN
IS ODDLY
MILD
TASTING.

HMFF!





CHAPTER 61









61. ROASTED WALKING MUSHROOM



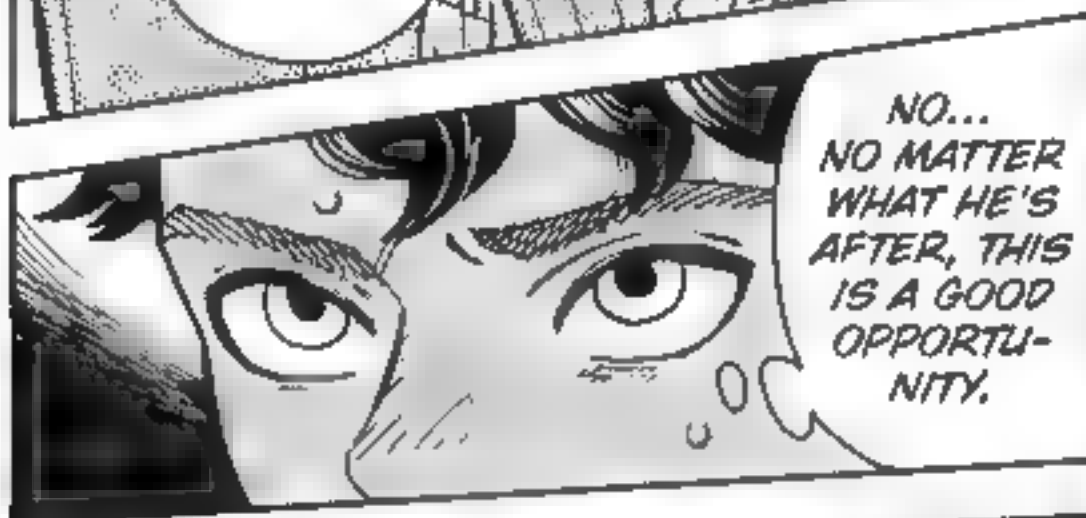




WHY
TAKE ME
ALONG?

WHAT'S
THE POINT
IN LETTING
ME LIVE?

HE'S
ACTING LIKE
NOTHING
EVER HAP-
PENED.



NO...
NO MATTER
WHAT HE'S
AFTER, THIS
IS A GOOD
OPPORTU-
NITY.



SUTA
(STRIDE)



...AND EXPOSE
THE MYSTERIES
THAT THE
LONG-LIVED
RACES WANT TO
CONCEAL!

I'LL
SABOTAGE
THE
CANARIES'
DUNGEON
CAPTURE...



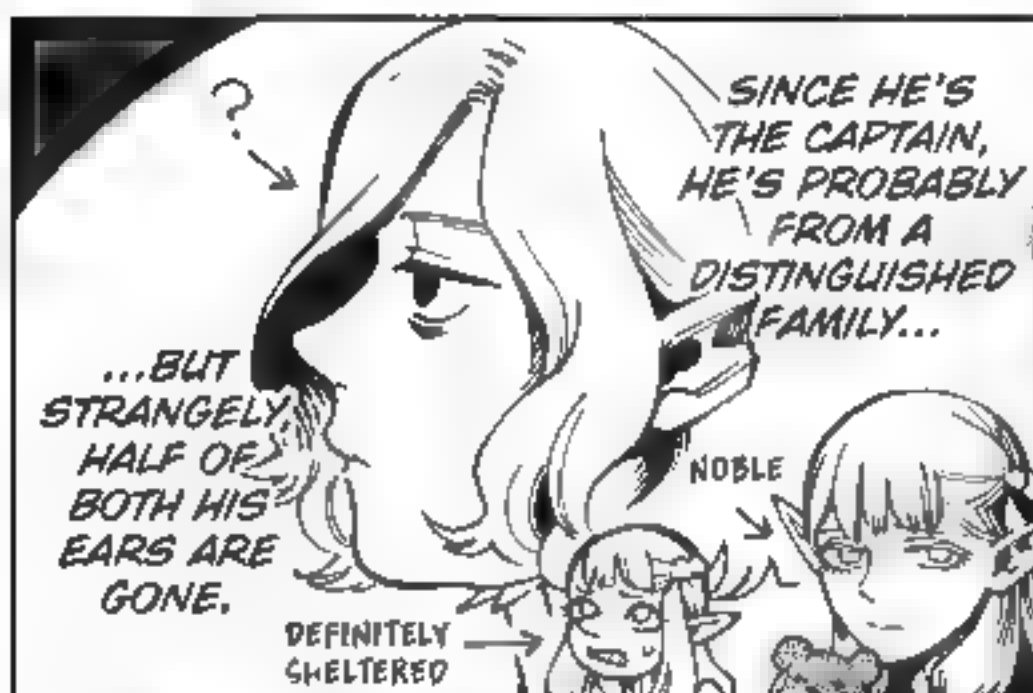
WHAT
SORT OF
PERSON
IS HE?

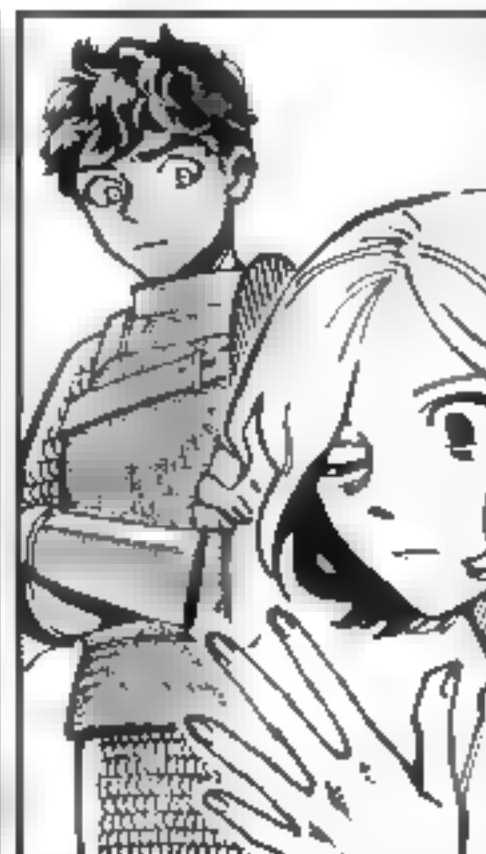
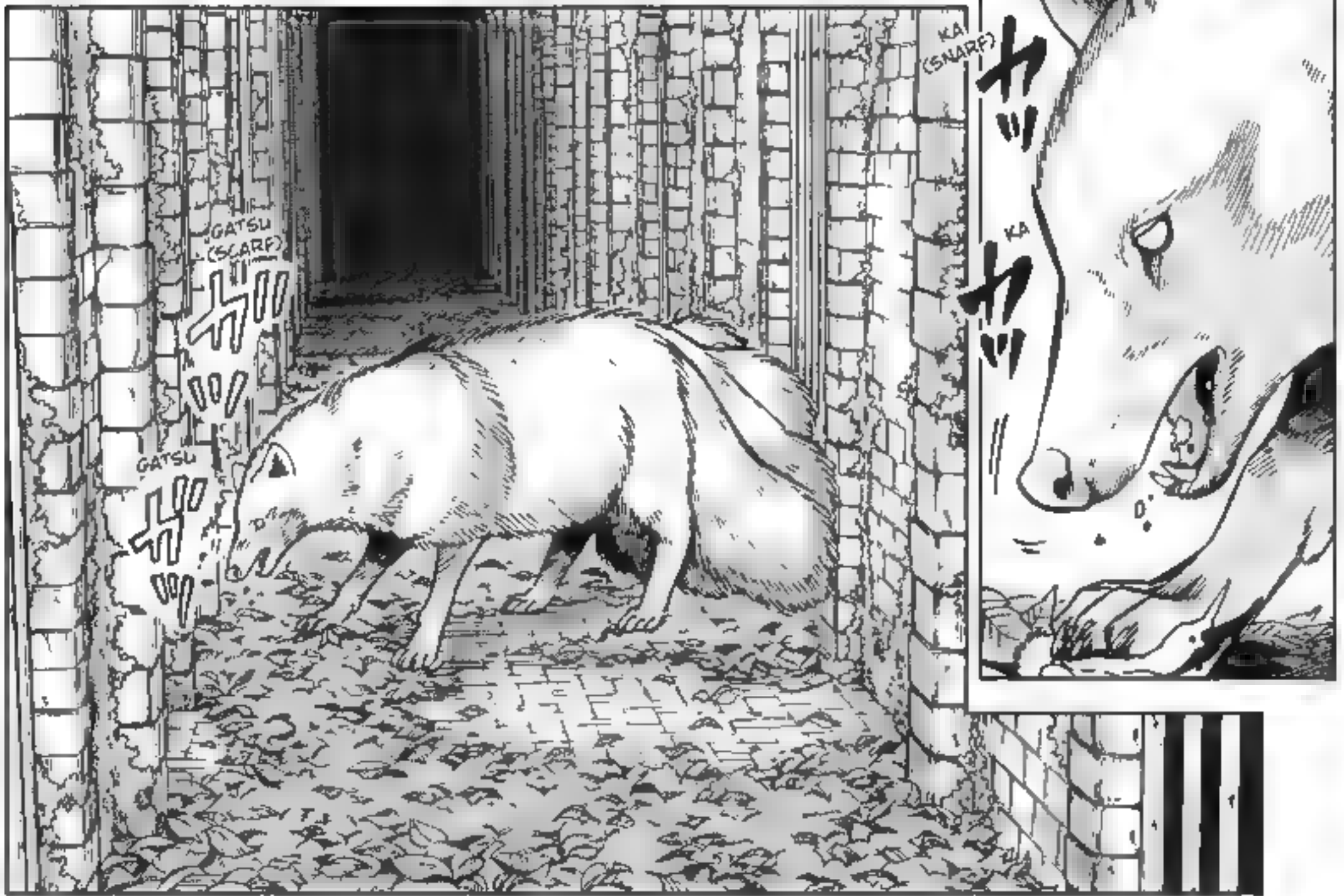
SOUND
HIM
OUT.

FIND A
WAY TO
INGRATiate
MYSELF
WITH HIM.

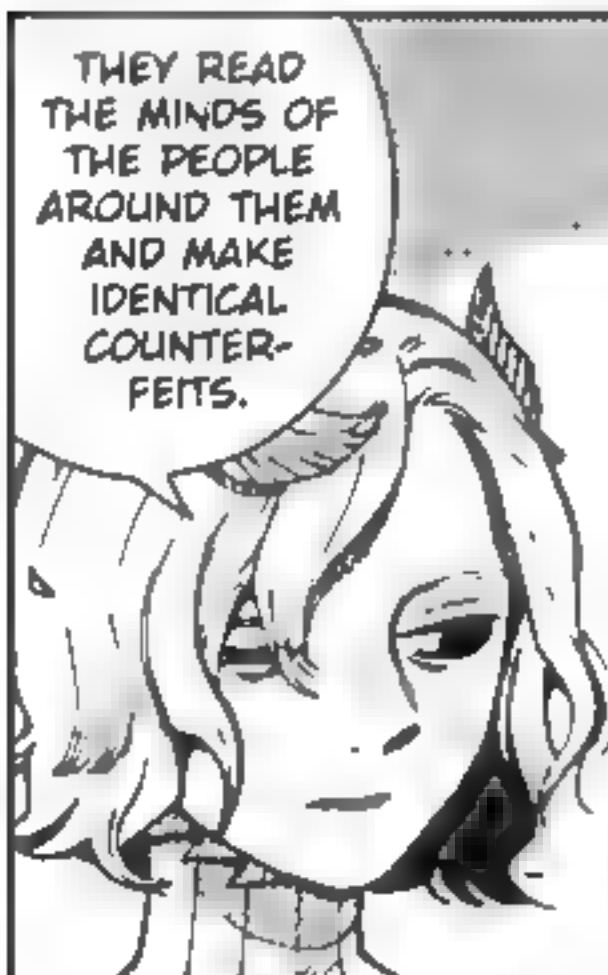


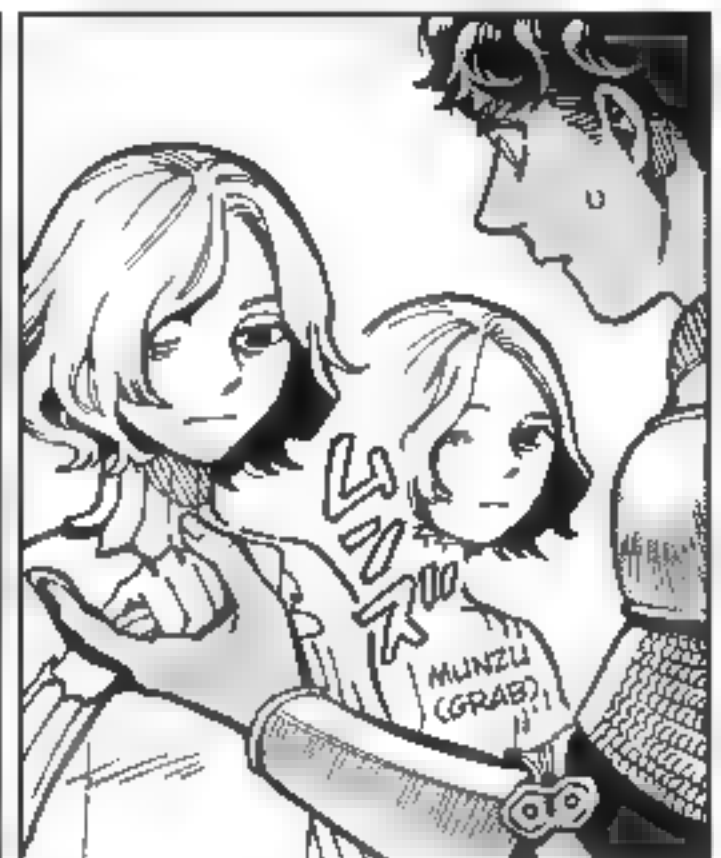
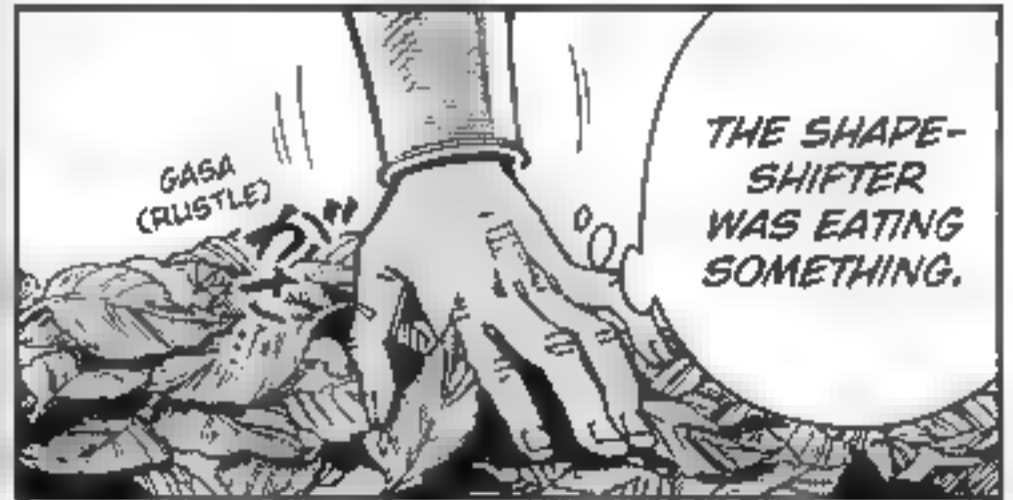
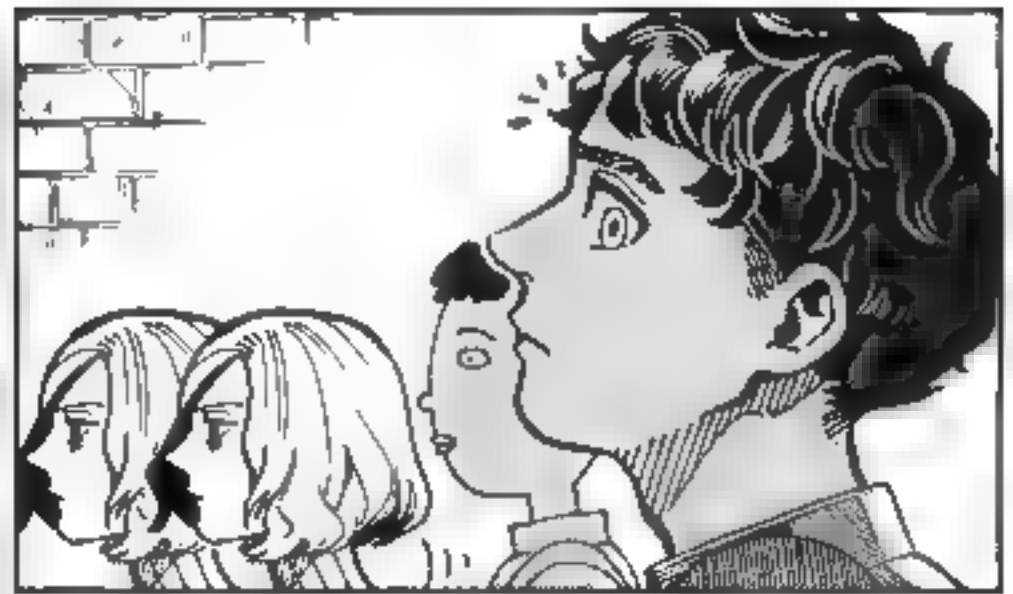
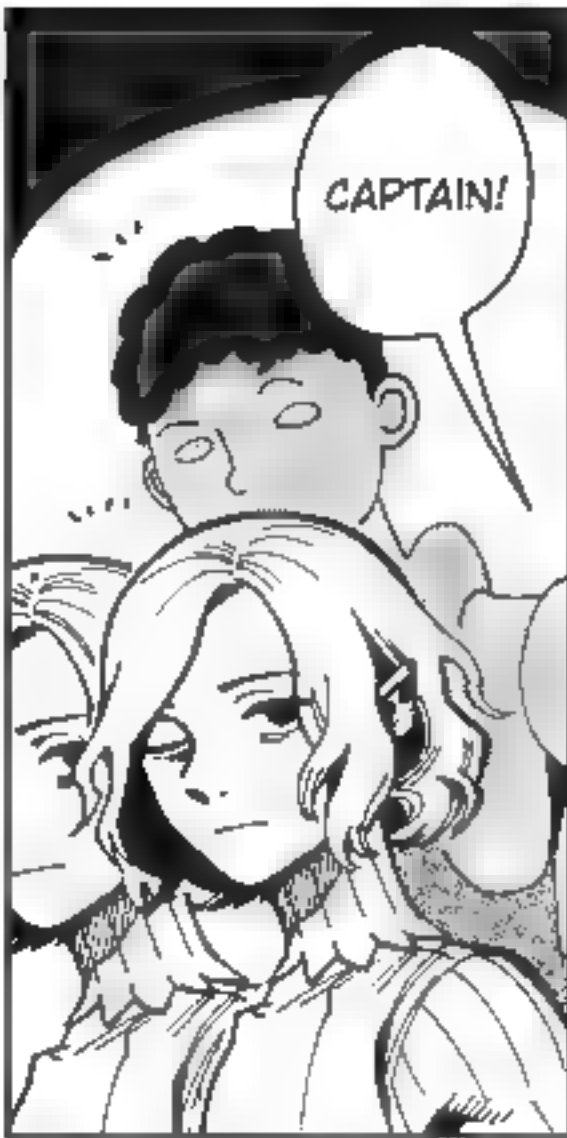
CAPTAIN
MITHRUN
OF THE
CANARIES.

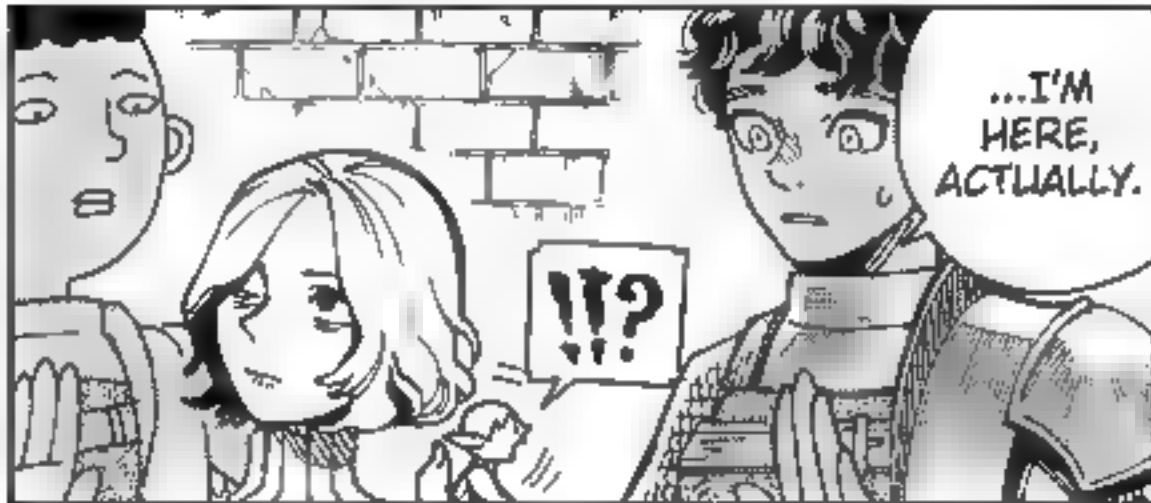
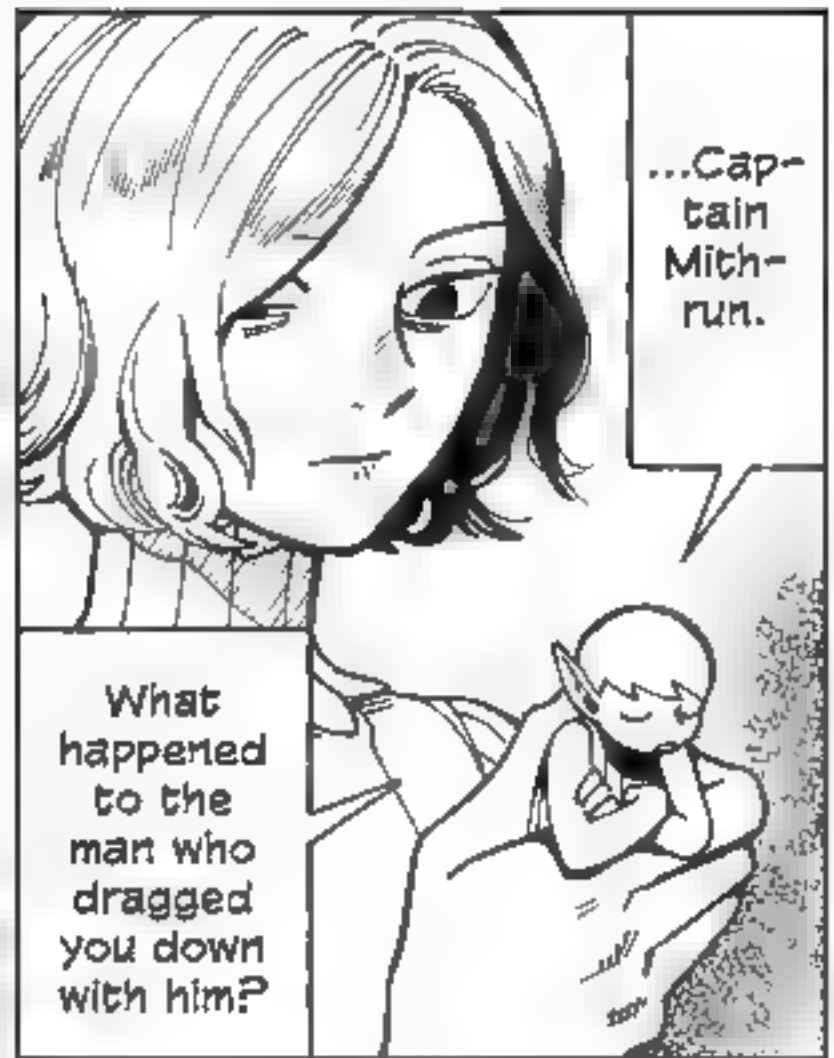
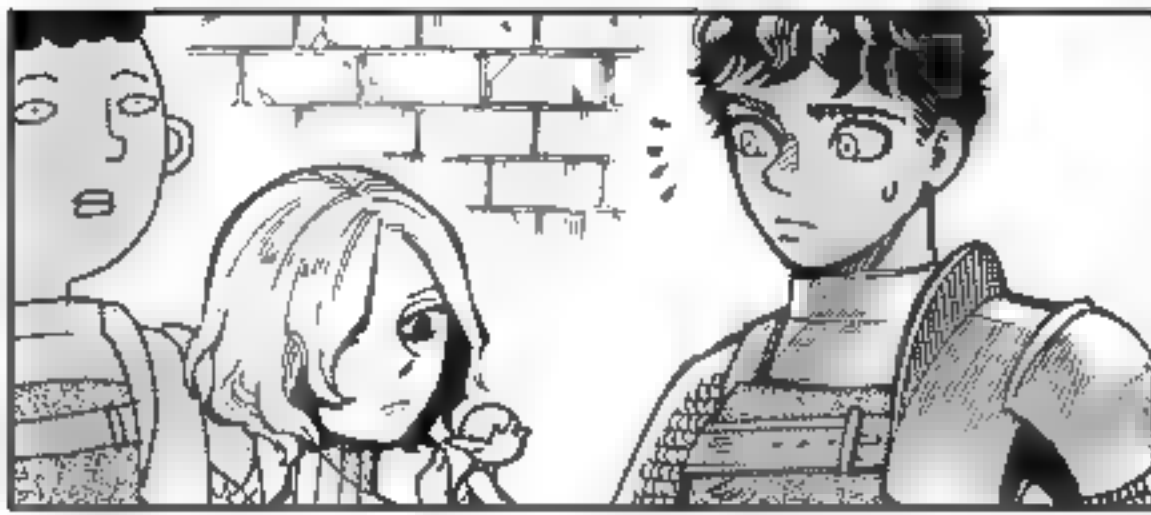
















SENSHI'S QUICK TIPS

There are many species of walking mushroom, and it's hard even for veterans to tell which are poisonous. Beginners should avoid them like the plague!



FRANKLY, THEM TAKING SOMEONE HOSTAGE ISN'T REALLY ENOUGH TO MAKE ME WANT TO EAT THIS.

ROASTED WALKING MUSHROOM

JYUWA (SIZZLE)
JYUWA

VITAMIN C
VITAMIN B2
VITAMIN A

ENERGY
PROTEIN
FAT
CARBS
IRON
CALCIUM



I'LL
DO ANY-
THING...

...TO
SOLVE THE
MYSTERIES
OF THE
DUNGEON!!



...CAPTAIN
MITHRUN.

CAN YOU
USE DETOX
SPELLS
OR RES-
URRECTION
MAGIC?

YES.



FWOO...

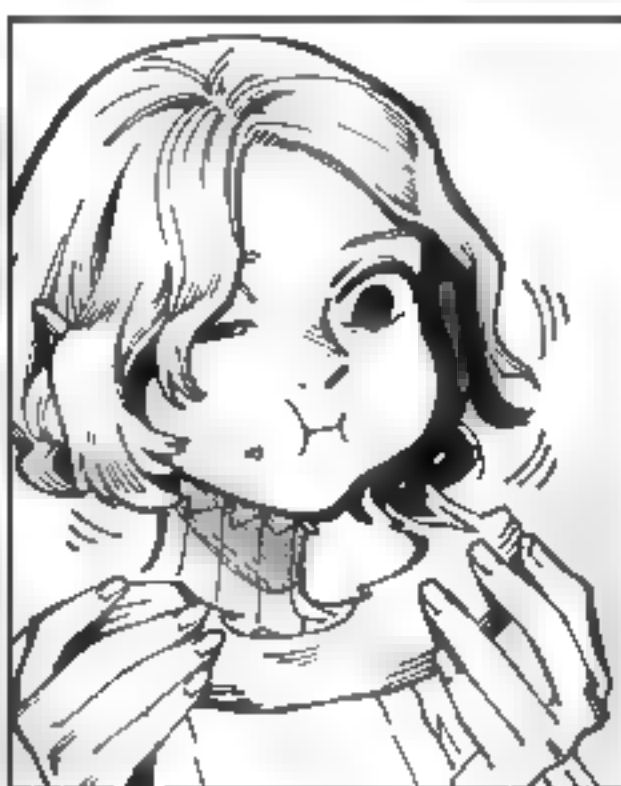


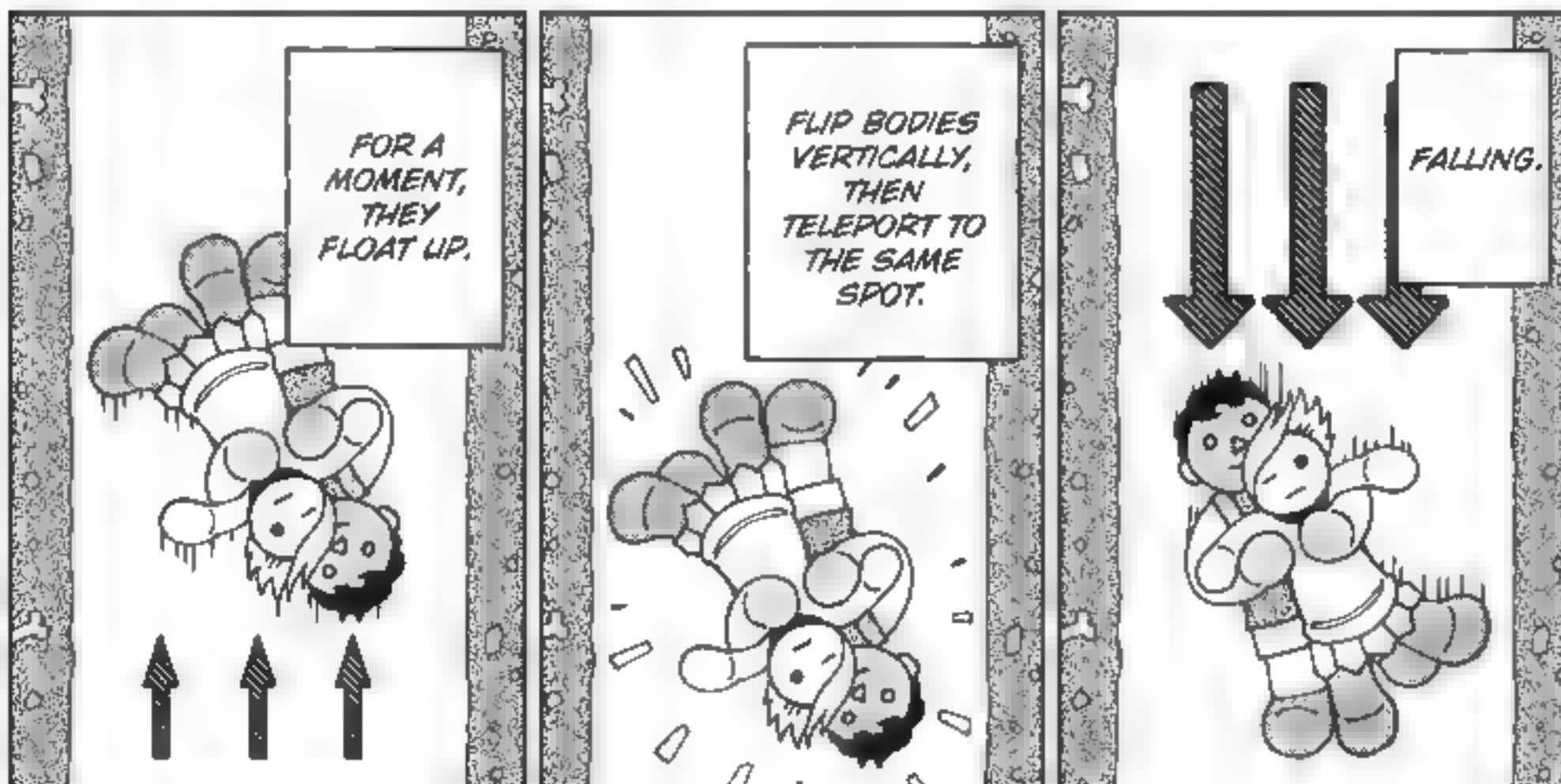
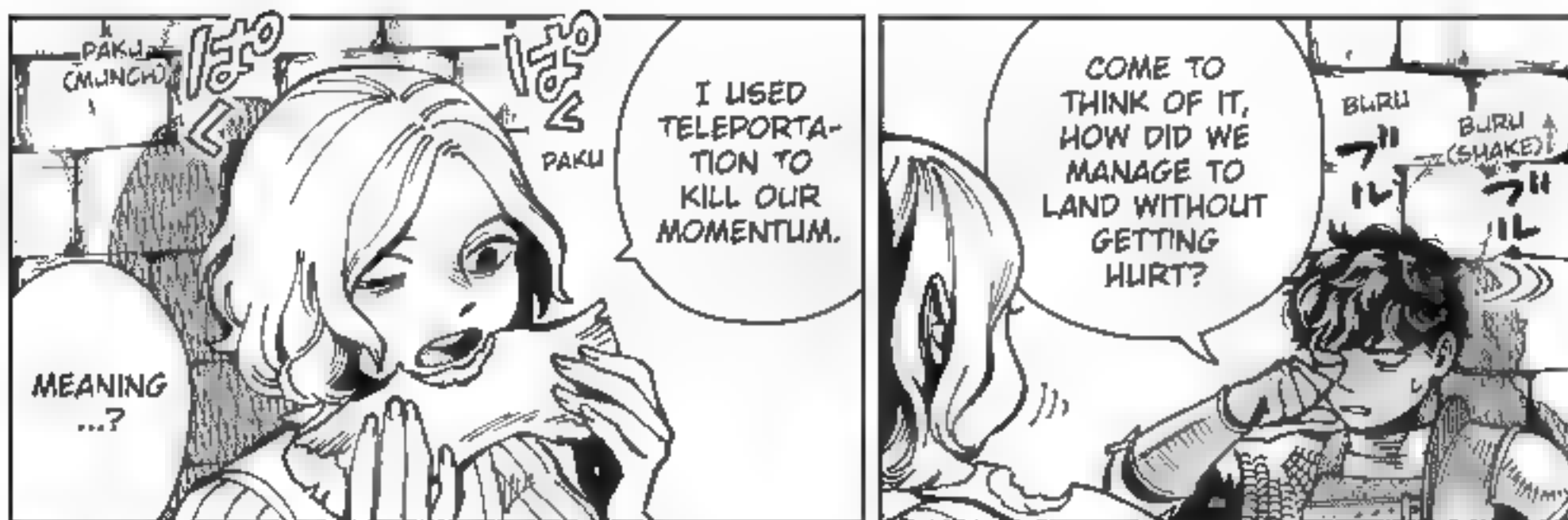
...BUT
WHILE IT'S AS
HARD AS TREE
BARK, IT'S
WEIRDLY SPRINGY
AND SLIMY...

IT'S
FLAVOR-
LESS...

...AND
THE
MOISTURE
THAT
OOZES
OUT EVERY
TIME I
CHEW IS
NASTY.









THAT'S
INCREDIBLE!!

GABA
(BOLT)

HUH!?
ARE YOU
SERIOUS!?



WE
DEFEATED
THE LORD
OF THE
DUNGEON,
AND NOW
IT'S ALL
OURS!



SO, I WAS
THINKING...

JINN
(TEARY)

OH...
I CHOSE
RIGHT...

NOW WE'LL
FIND OUT ABOUT
THE DUNGEON
MYSTERIES THE
LONG-LIVED RACES
HAVE BEEN
HIDING!



I'M
CHOOSING THE
PATH THAT
WILL LET ME
EAT MONSTERS
FOREVER!



I DON'T
CARE
ABOUT THE
DUNGEON'S
MYSTERIES.

PEOPLE
DON'T
INTEREST
ME MUCH
ANYWAY.

HUH?



I'M GOING TO
BUILD A MONSTER
RANCH AND FARM
FIELDS HERE AND
TURN IT INTO
A KINGDOM OF
MONSTERS!



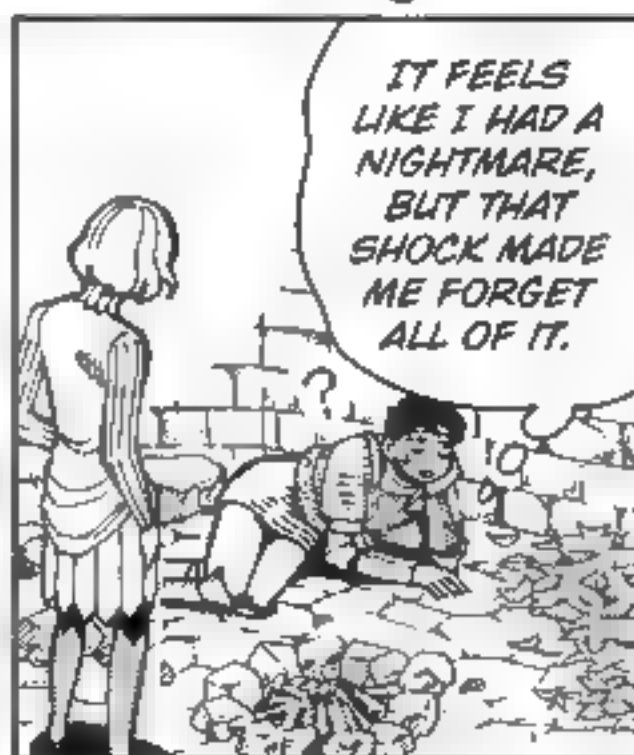
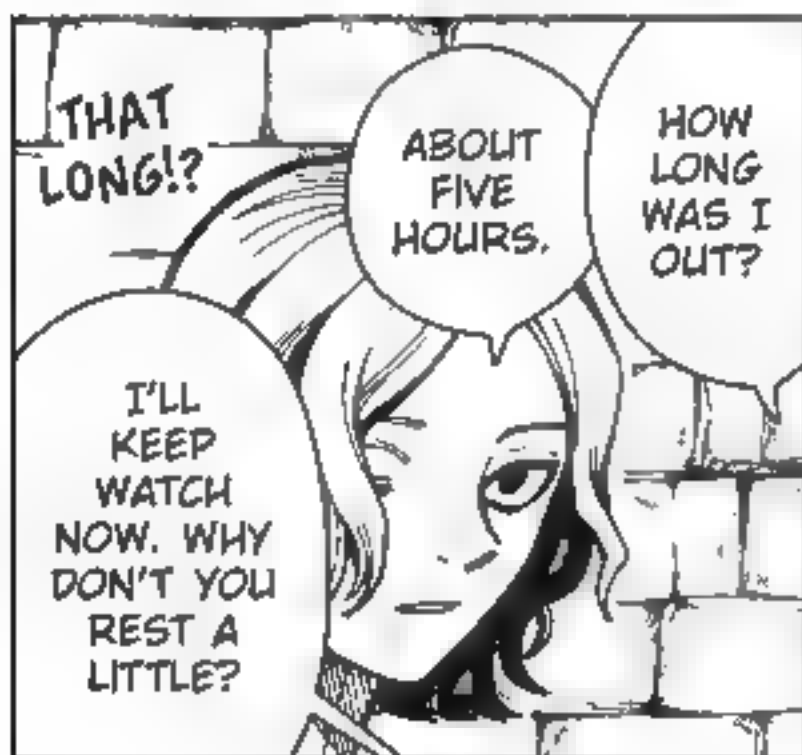
ENEMY OF
MANKIND!!

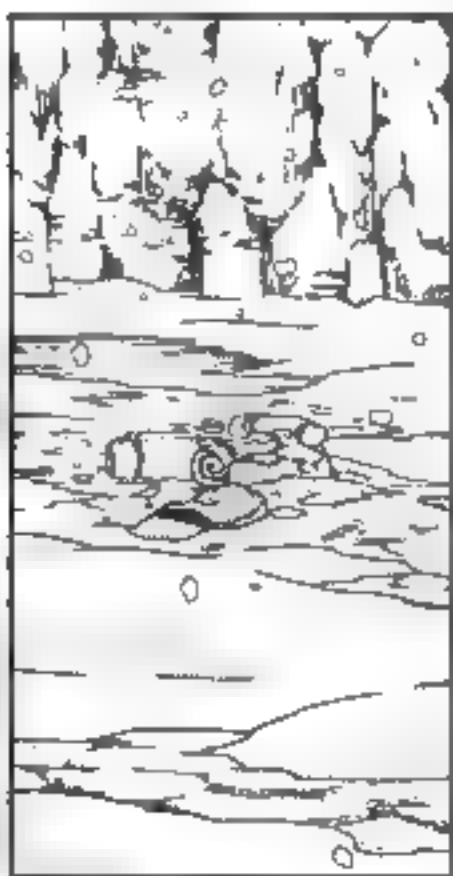
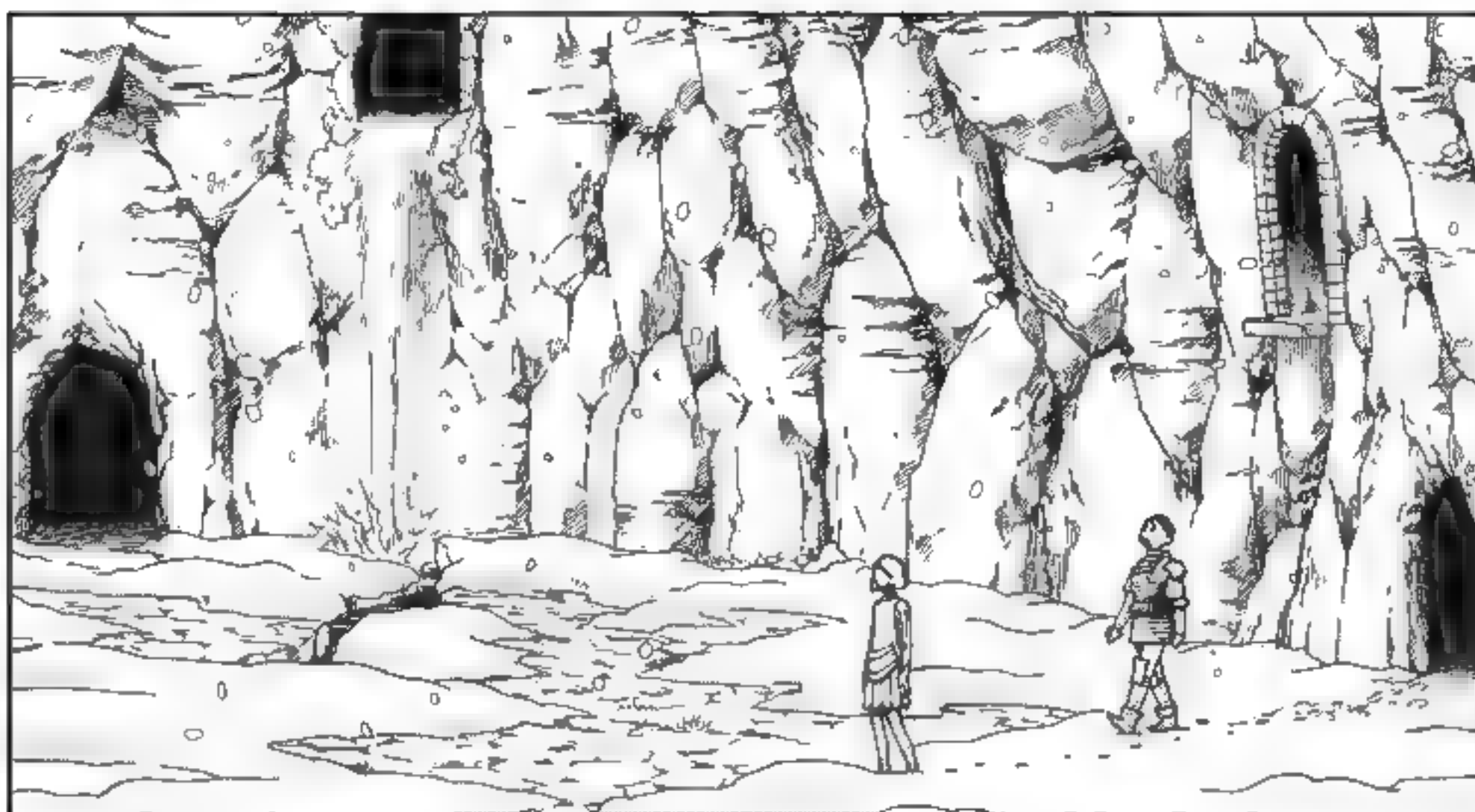


FURA
(REEL)

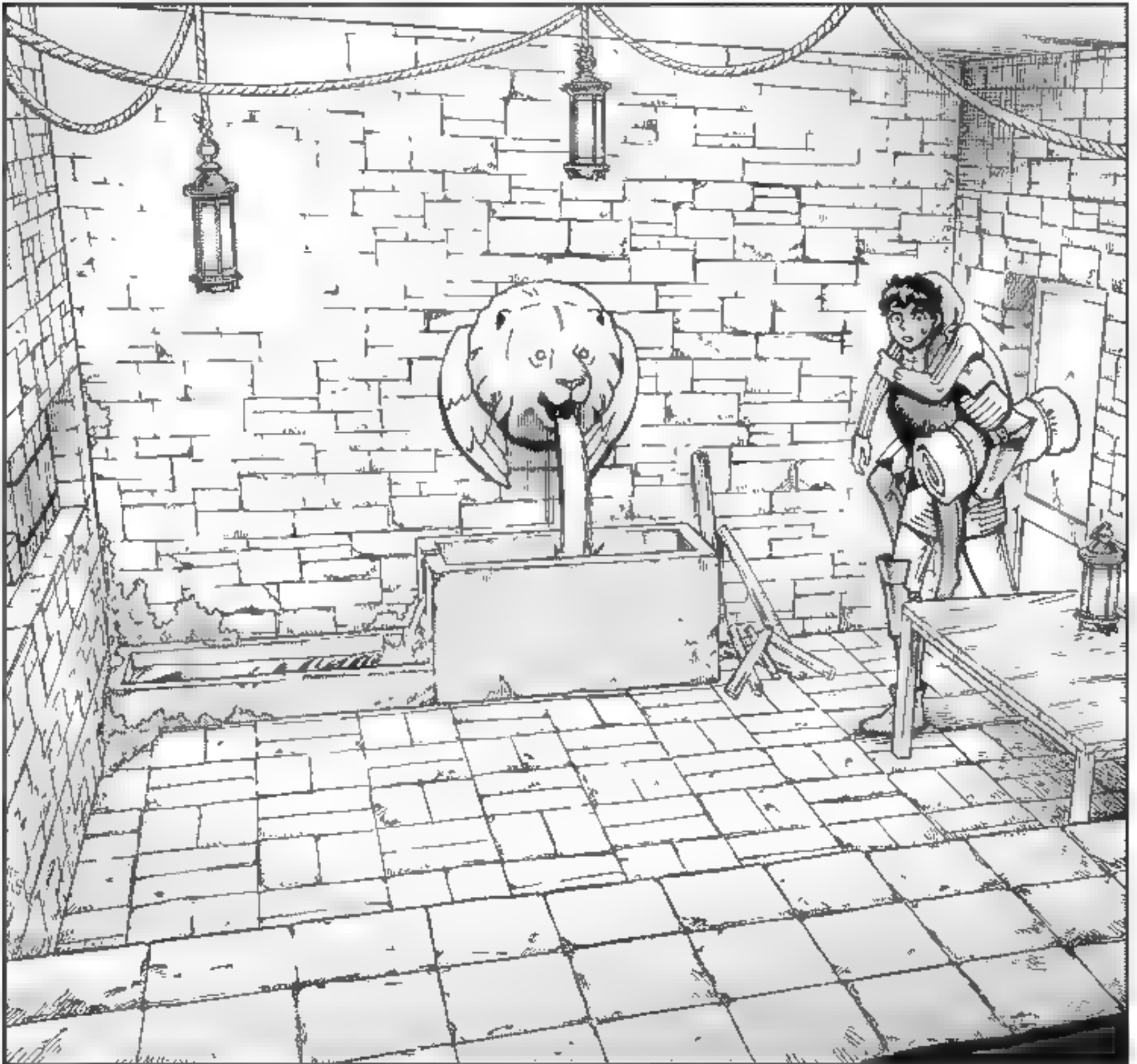
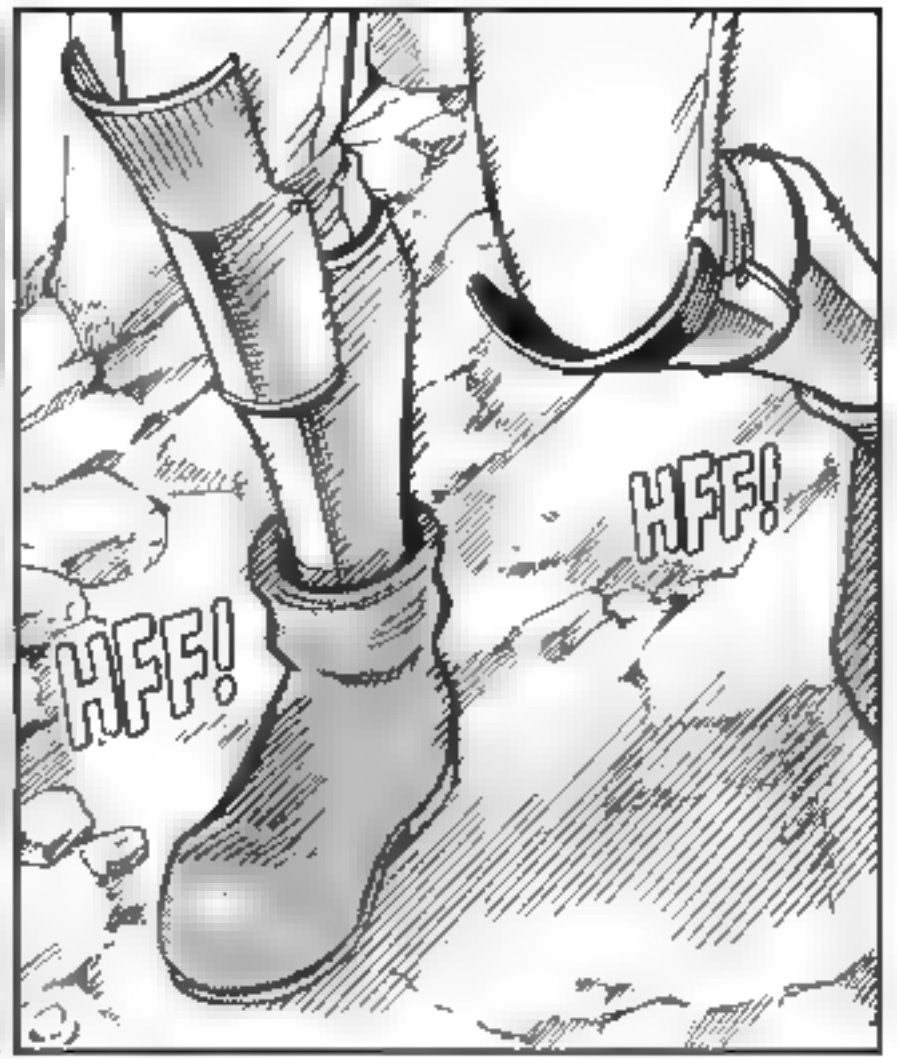
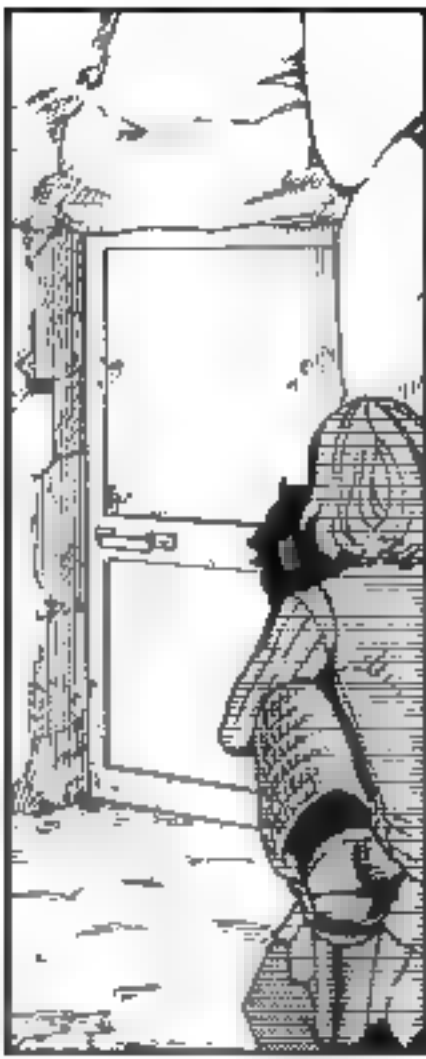
E...

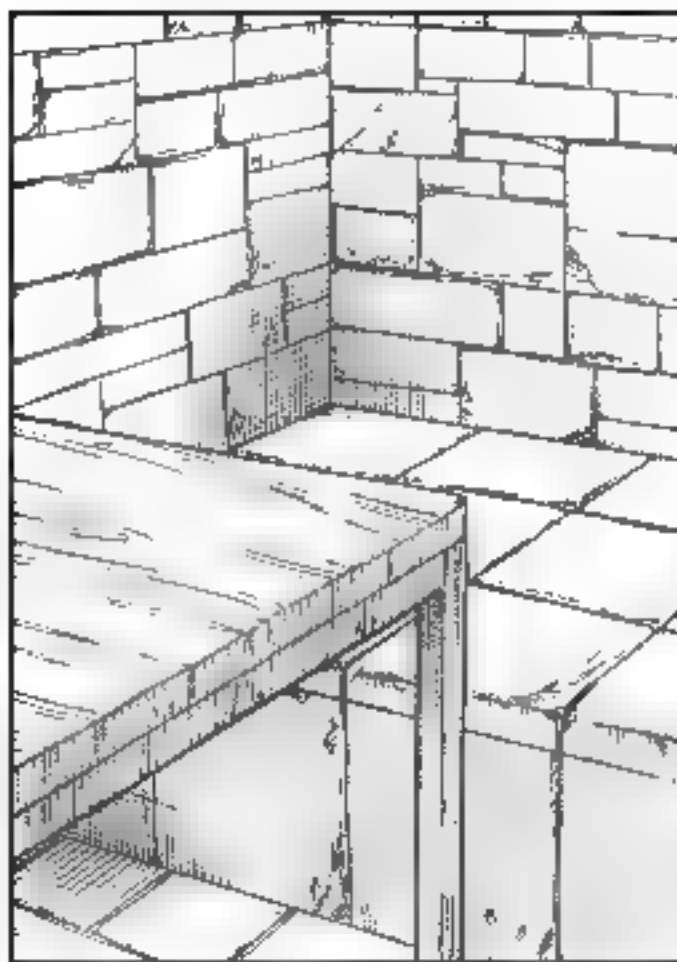
E...!













CAPTAIN
MITHRUN.

AND THEY
SAID TO
"TAKE CARE"
OF HIM...
THERE'S
SOME OTHER
ISSUE
HERE.



IT'S ODD
THAT A CASTER
WOULDN'T
KNOW HIS
MAGIC WAS
RUNNING LOW,
THOUGH.



IT
JUST
LOOKS
LIKE HE
DRAINED
HIS
MAGIC.

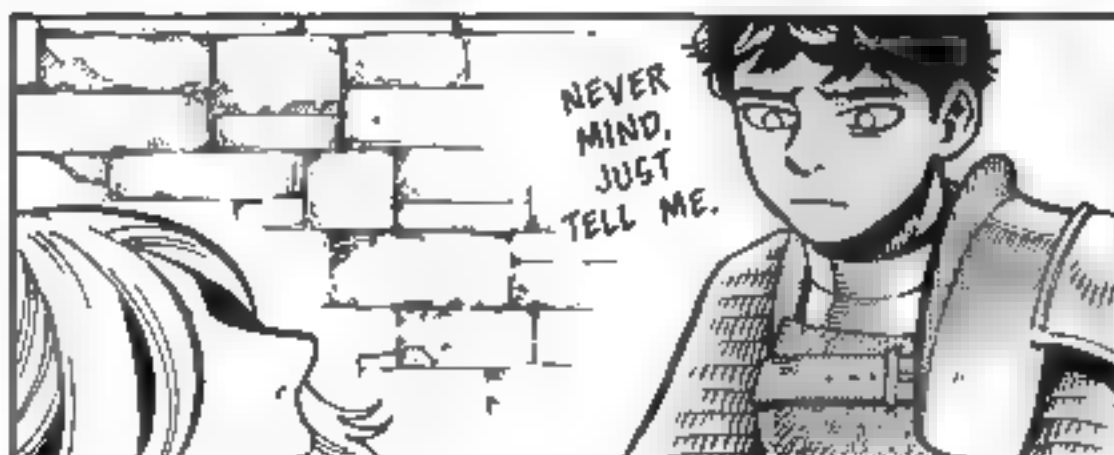


PLEASE
TELL ME
EVERYTHING
YOU'RE
HIDING.

IF YOU
DON'T EXPLAIN
IT TO ME, I
CAN'T TEND TO
YOUR NEEDS
PROPERLY.



THERE'S
SOMETHING
WRONG
WITH YOUR
BODY, ISN'T
THERE.

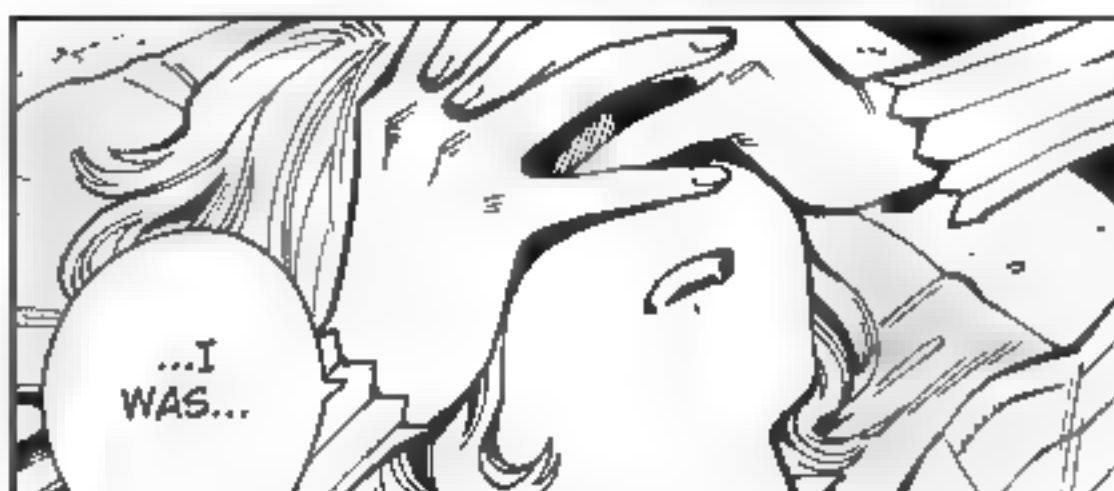


NEVER
MIND,
JUST
TELL ME.



...YOU'RE
AN
INQUISITIVE
ONE.

IN THE
DUNGEON,
THAT
COULD
PROVE
FATAL.



...I
WAS...







ABOUT
HIS PAST
IN THE
DUNGEON.

ABOUT ALL
THAT HAD
HAPPENED
TO HIM—



IT
DIDN'T...
EAT ALL
OF ME.

THEN
HE
BEGAN
TO TELL
ME.



EVERY-
THING...

CHAPTER 62



HIS
STORY WAS
TERRIBLY
COMPLICATED.



HE DID
TELL ME,
BUT THERE
WAS ONE
PROBLEM.



ADVENTURE

EROS

THRILLS

THEME

CHARACTERS

LAUGHS

FACTS

LIES

TEARS

AUDIENCE

Recipe

62. SIX DAYS



AMONG
THEM
WAS OUR
CAPTAIN—

LONG
AGO...

...A CANARY
UNIT WAS
DISPATCHED
TO A
CERTAIN
DUNGEON.

NO,
MITHRUN,
WHO WAS
JUST A
MEMBER
THEN.
THE REST
WERE...



OPA, SON OF MIKEPAS



COYOTE THE
CLAIRVOYANT



FUNGIL THE SWIFT



THE TWINS,
PAHSA AND POHSA



GLOOMY
MILSIRIL

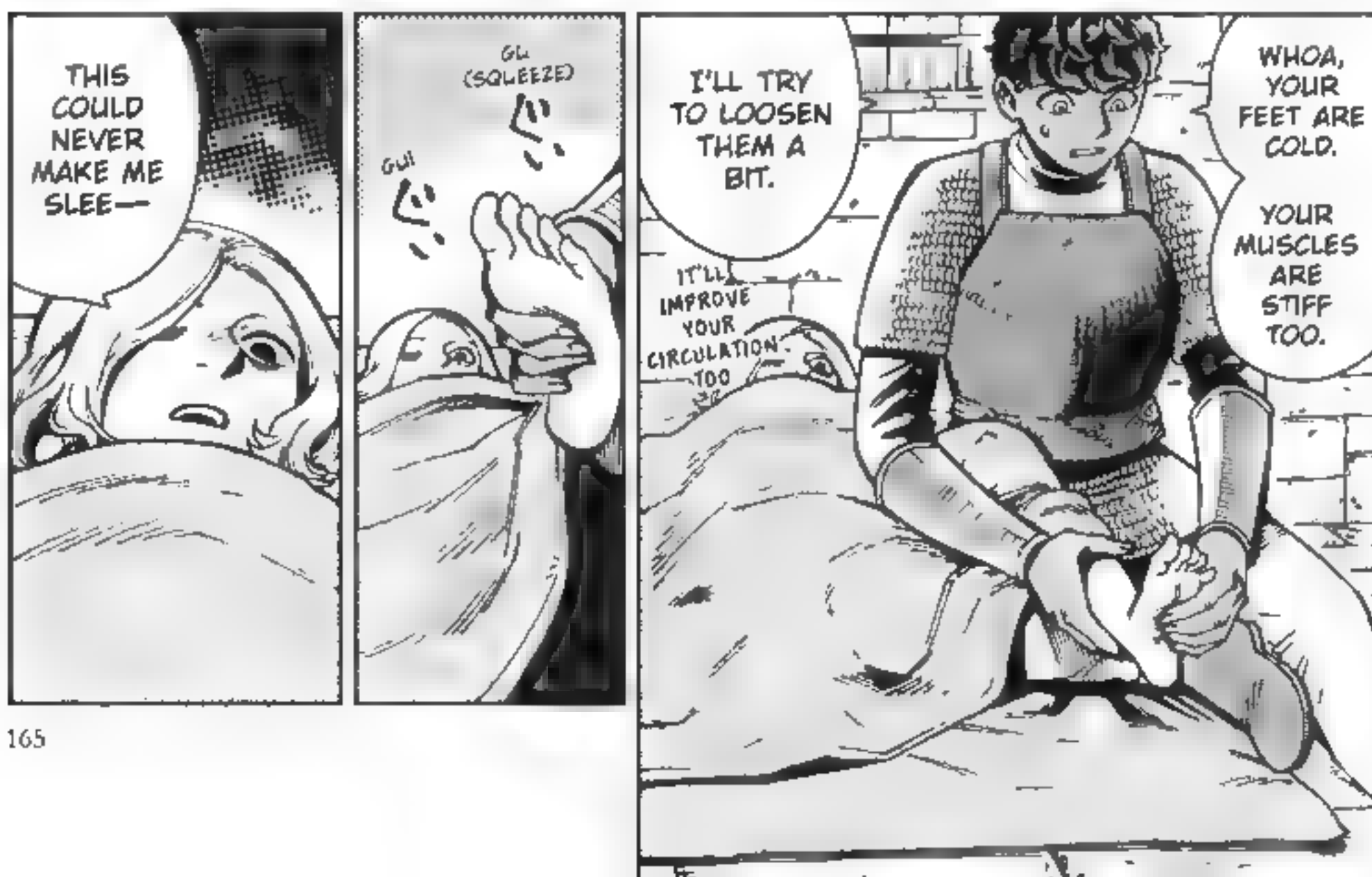


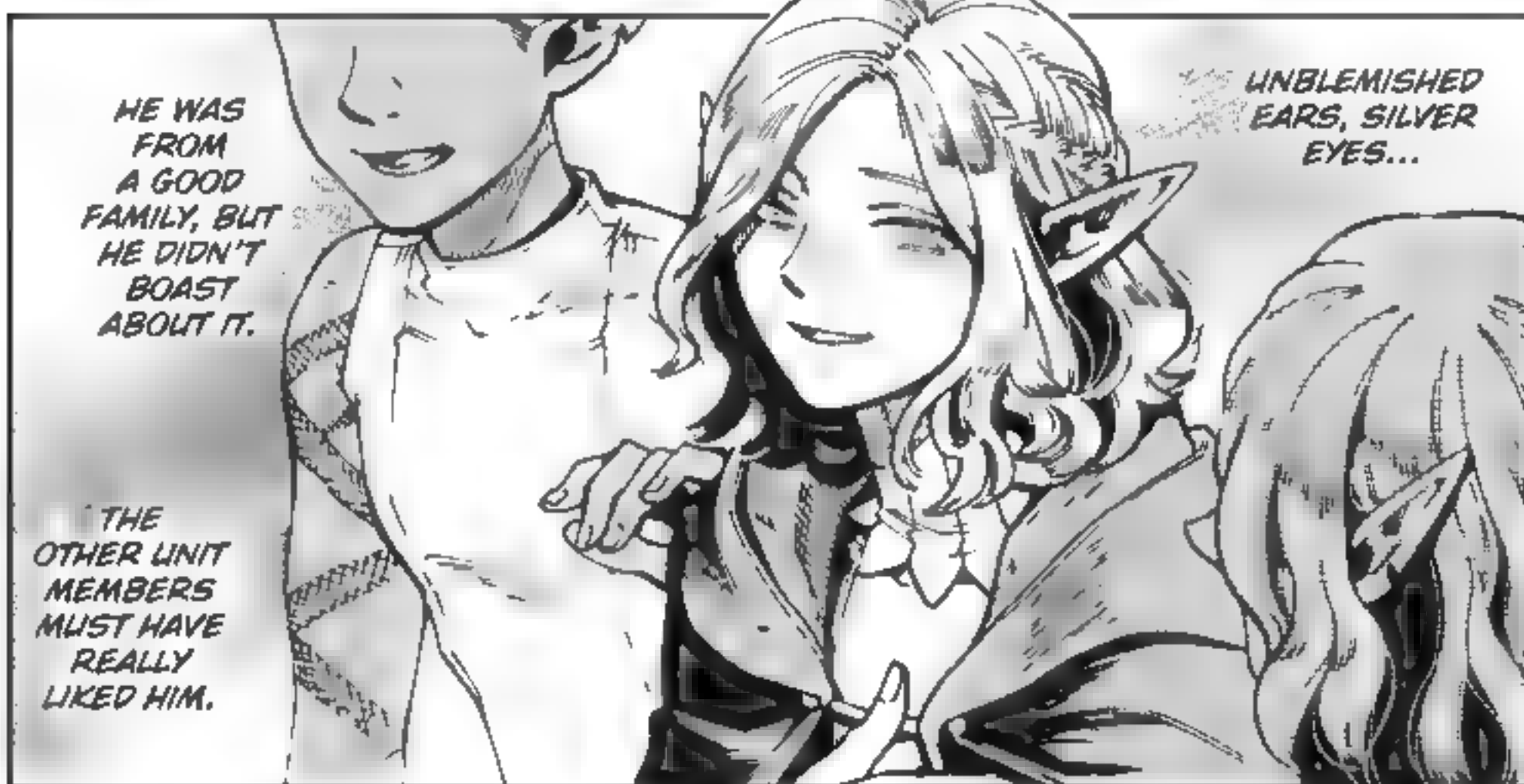
YUGIN OF THE
GOLDEN VOICE



KEEN-EARED SITA









HM?

IF HE
DOESN'T
FEEL THE
NEED TO
EAT OR
SLEEP,
THEN...



THE
PROBLEM
IS, HE
DOES NEED
THINGS.
HE JUST
DOESN'T
NOTICE.

HE NEEDS
PEOPLE
TO CARE
FOR HIM.
HE CAN'T
SURVIVE ON
HIS OWN.



I DON'T
REALLY
NEED TO
GO RIGHT
NOW, SO
IT'S FINE...

NOOOO,
LET'S
MAKE
A TRIP
ANYWAY!!



WHEN
WAS THE
LAST TIME
YOU WENT
TO THE
BATH-
ROOM!!?



EXCUSE
ME!!

CAPTAIN,
PLEASE
WAKE UP!!

**FOUR DAYS LEFT
UNTIL RESCUE**

IT'S
NURSING!

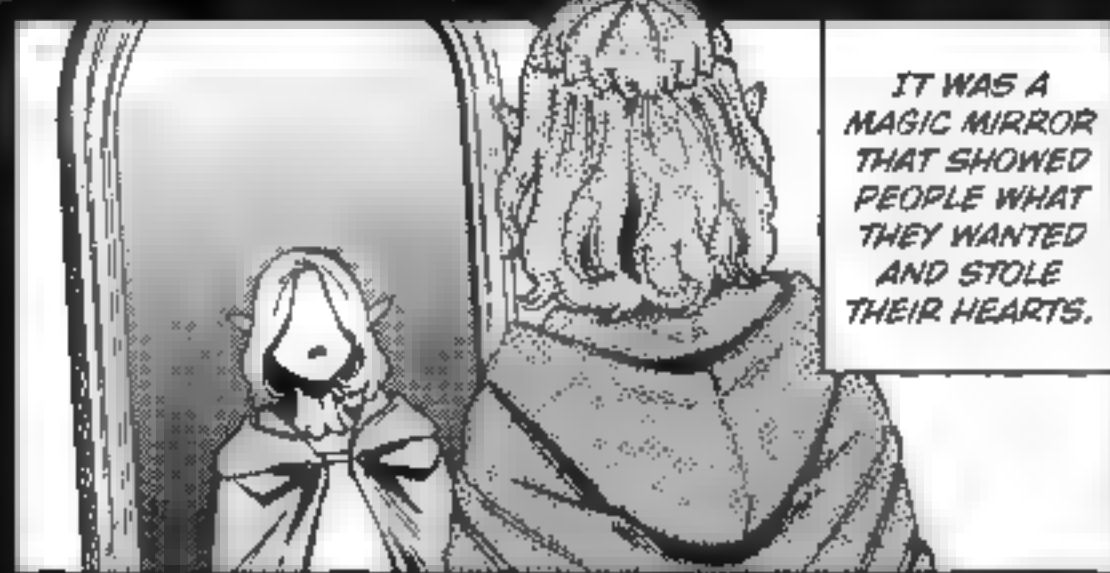
THIS ISN'T
"SEEING
TO HIS
NEEDS."



DAY THREE AFTER THE FALL

LAIOS. MEANWHILE





IT WAS A
MAGIC MIRROR
THAT SHOWED
PEOPLE WHAT
THEY WANTED
AND STOLE
THEIR HEARTS.



RETURN-
ING TO
THE TALE
OF HIS
PAST...



AS A
RULE, HE
IGNORED
THEM,
BUT THAT
DAY WAS
DIFFERENT.

AT THE
BOTTOM
OF THE
DUNGEON,
HE
FOUND A
MIRROR.



HIS OLDER
BROTHER
AND HIS
OWN
BELOVED
WERE
DINING
TOGETHER.



EVERY-
BODY
LOVES A
TRAGIC
LOVE
STORY.

HA
HA
HA.

THAT'S
PRETTY
GOOD
PLOTING.

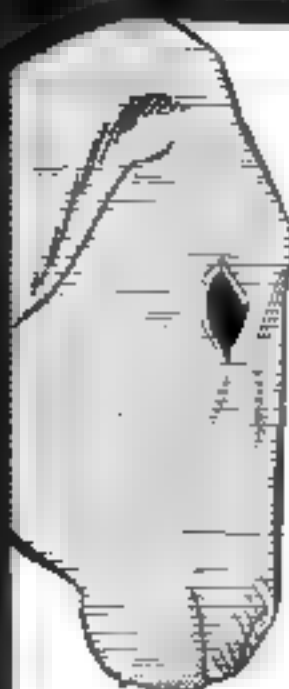
IT WAS
A LOVE
HE'D LEFT
BEHIND
WHEN HE'D
JOINED THE
CANARIES
IN HIS
BROTHER'S
PLACE.



THE SIGHT
UPSET HIM
TERRIBLY.



IN HIS
FURY, HE
SMASHED
THE
MIRROR,
AND
THEN...



"IF YOU HADN'T
ENLISTED, SHE
WOULD HAVE
BEEN YOURS.

"IT'S NOT
TOO LATE.
DON'T YOU
WANT TO
SEE THAT
FUTURE?"



THE GOAT
SPOKE TO
HIM.



FROM THE
WRECK
OF THE
MIRROR,
A GOAT
APPEARED.

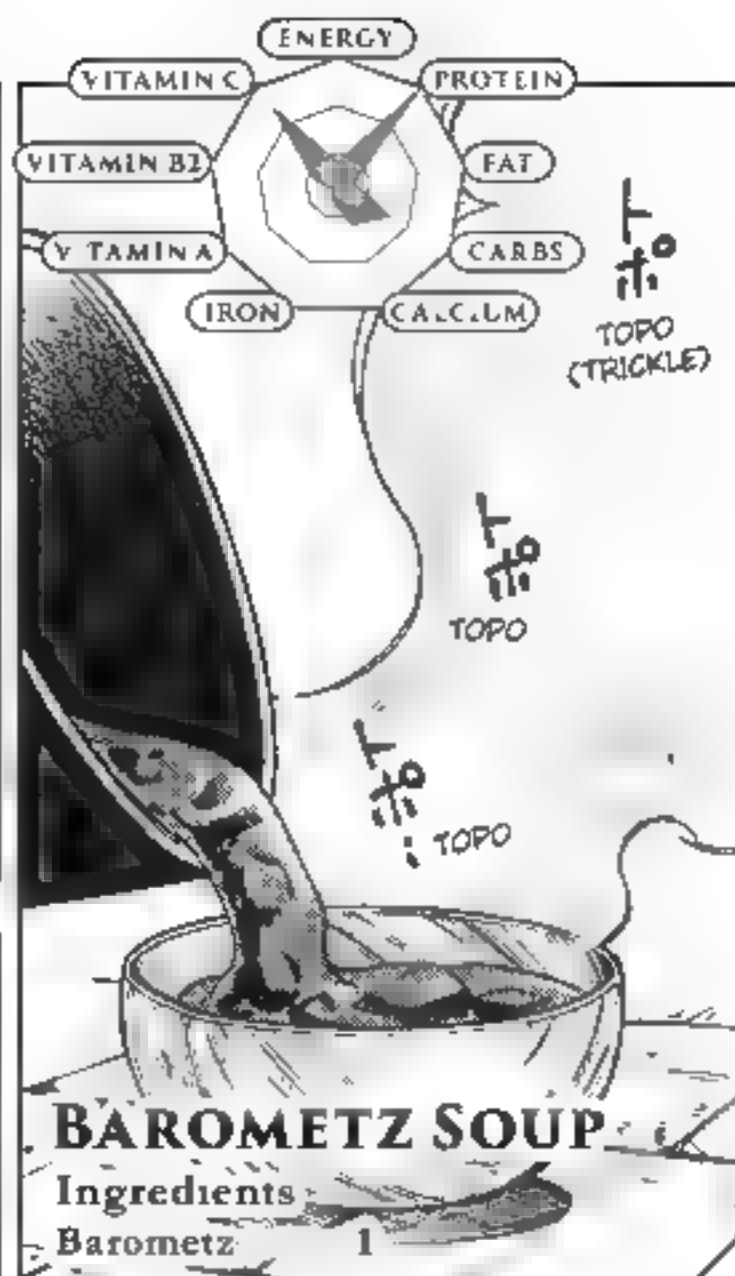


AND
SO...



...TO HIS
MISFORTUNE,
HE WISHED
FOR A LIFE
IN WHICH
HE HADN'T
JOINED THE
CANARIES.





DAY FOUR AFTER THE FALL



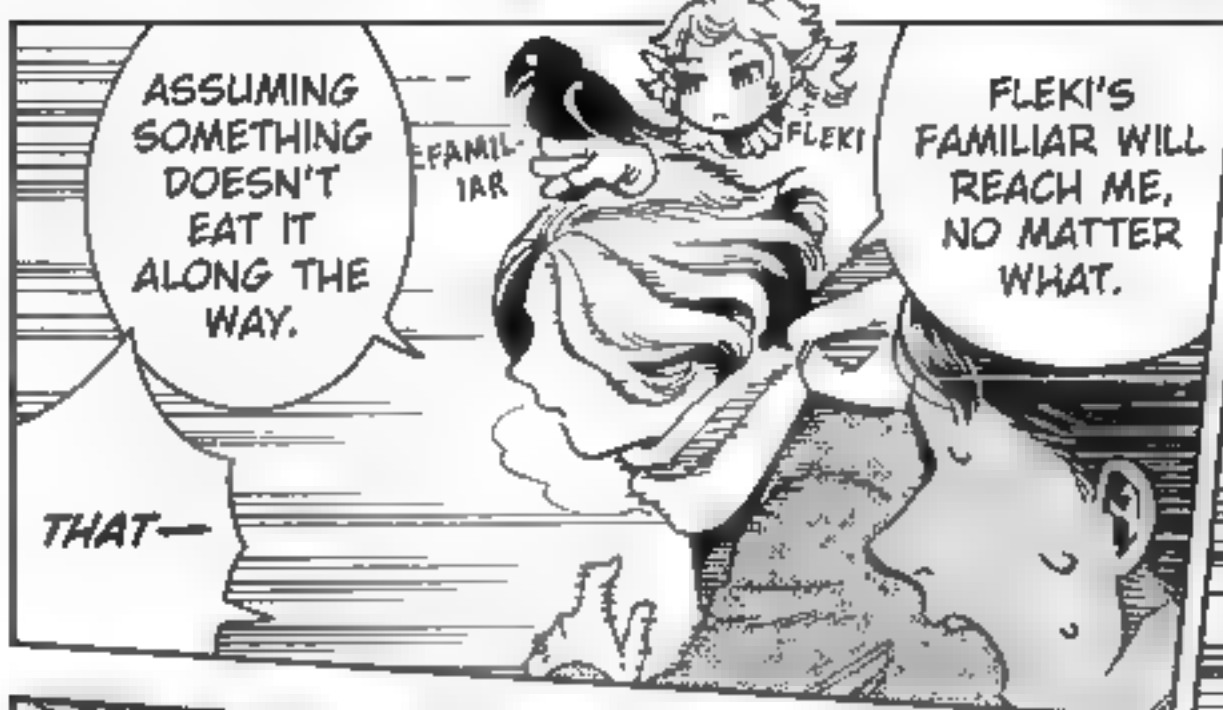
I HAVE A
PRETTY
GOOD
SENSE OF
DIREC-
TION...



THIS IS
WEIRD...

...BUT THE
MORE WE
TRY TO GO
BACK, THE
STRANGER
THE
PLACES WE
END UP.

LAIOS, MEANWHILE:



ASSUMING
SOMETHING
DOESN'T
EAT IT
ALONG THE
WAY.

FAMIL-
IAR

FLEKI

FLEKI'S
FAMILIAR WILL
REACH ME,
NO MATTER
WHAT.

THAT—



WILL YOUR
RESCUERS
MANAGE
TO FIND US
IF WE RUN
AROUND
LIKE
THIS!?



OR
"US"!?

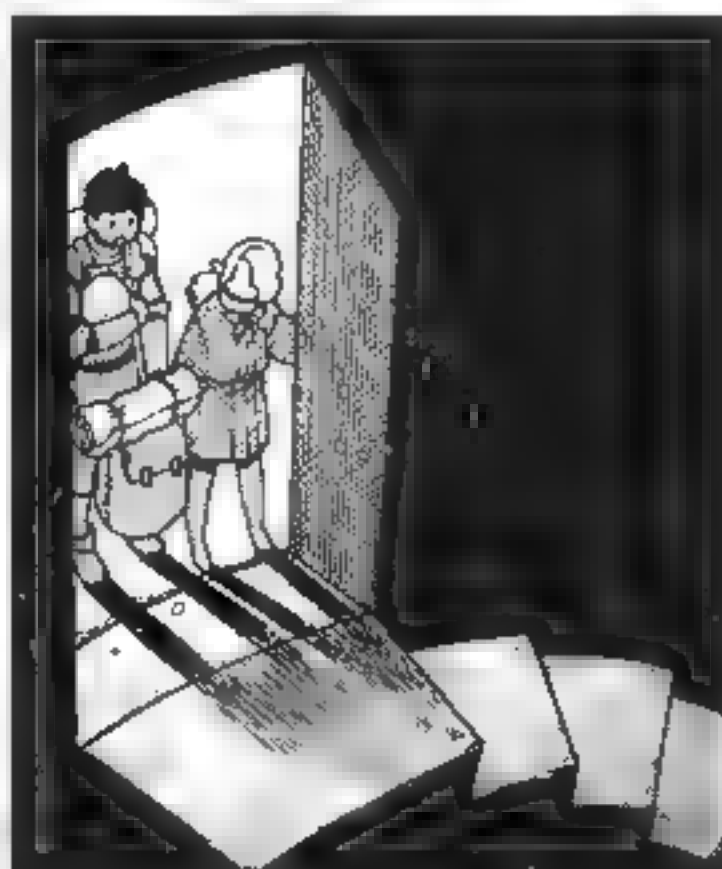
DID
YOU
MEAN
"IT"!?













THE SIGHTS
OF HIS
HOMETOWN.
A PEACEFUL
LIFE WITH
HIS FRIENDS
AND HIS
BELOVED.



ONCE
MITHRUN
WAS THE
DUNGEON'S
LORD, THE
GOAT GAVE
HIM EVERY-
THING.



HIS LIFE
IN THE
DUNGEON
COULDN'T
HAVE BEEN
HAPPIER,
BUT...



THE MORE
HE TRIED TO
ERADICATE
PLUNDERERS
...



THIEVES!



...BEFORE
LONG, BIT
BY BIT,
SHADOWS
FELL
OVER IT.



...AND
THE MORE
COMPLI-
CATED ITS
STRUCTURE
BECAME.

...THE MORE
MONSTERS
RAN
RAMPANT
IN THE
DUNGEON...

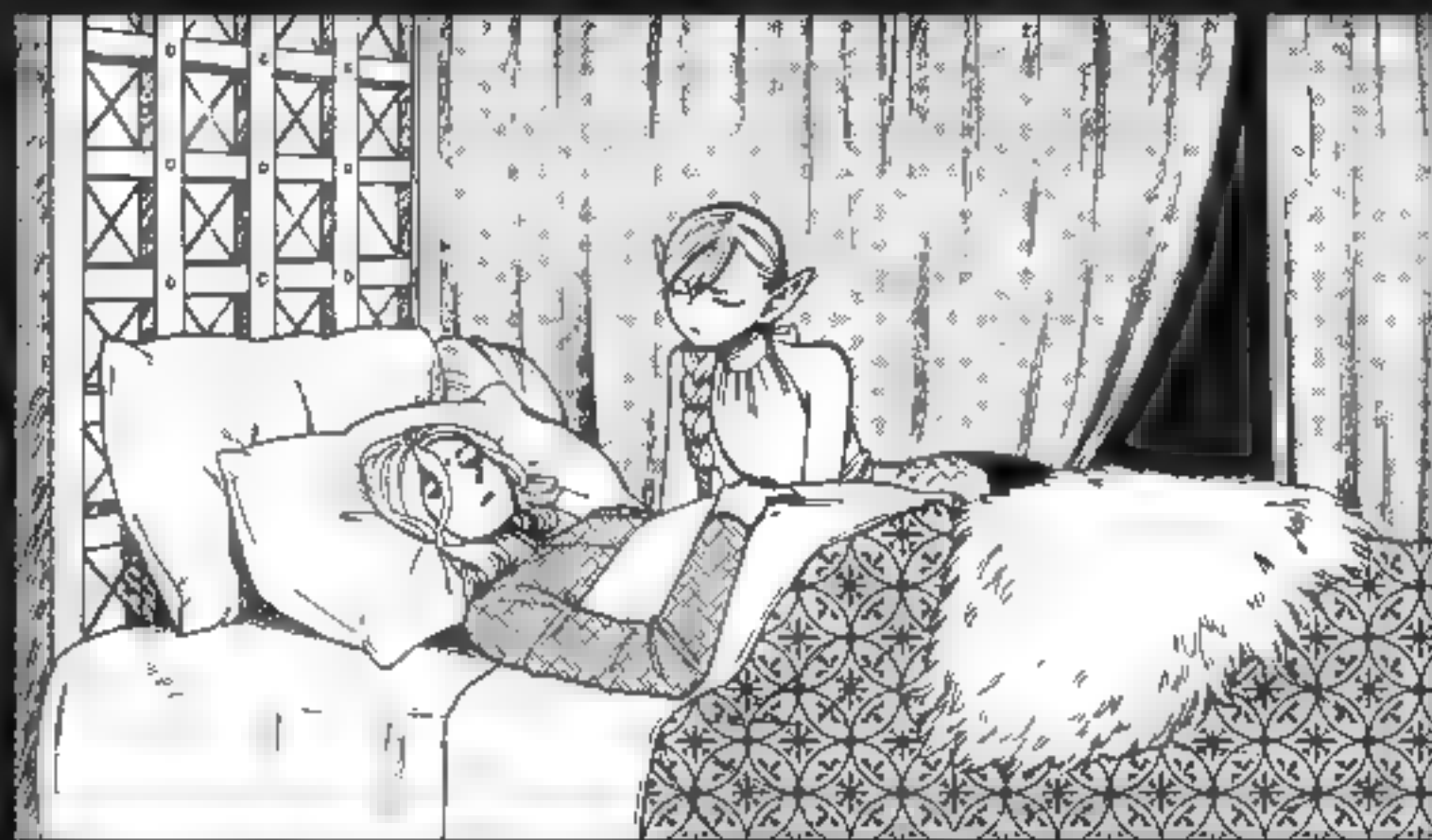
LITTLE BY
LITTLE, HIS
ENERGY
DRAINED
AWAY TOO.



...WHILE
HIS COM-
PANIONS
DISAP-
PEARED,
ONE BY
ONE.



WITH
EACH
WISH IT
GRANTED,
THE GOAT
GREW
STRON-
GER...



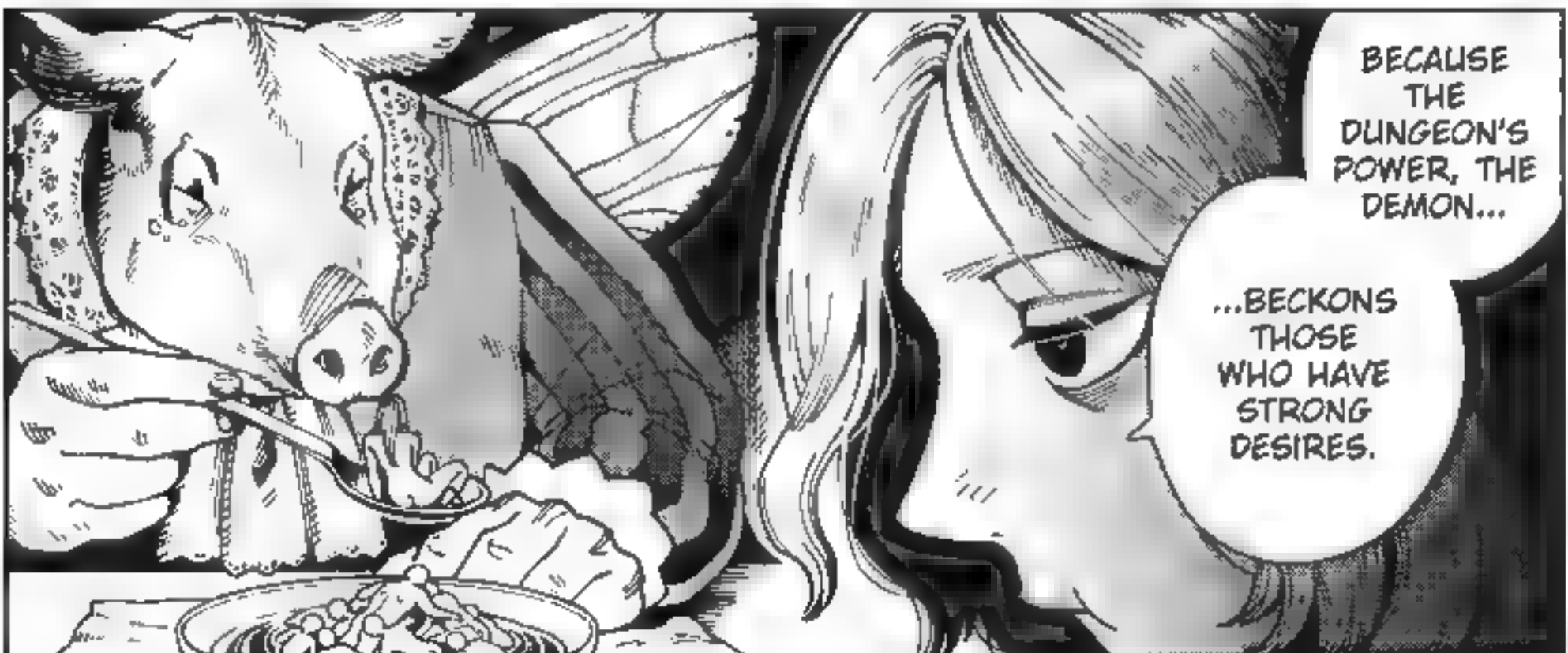




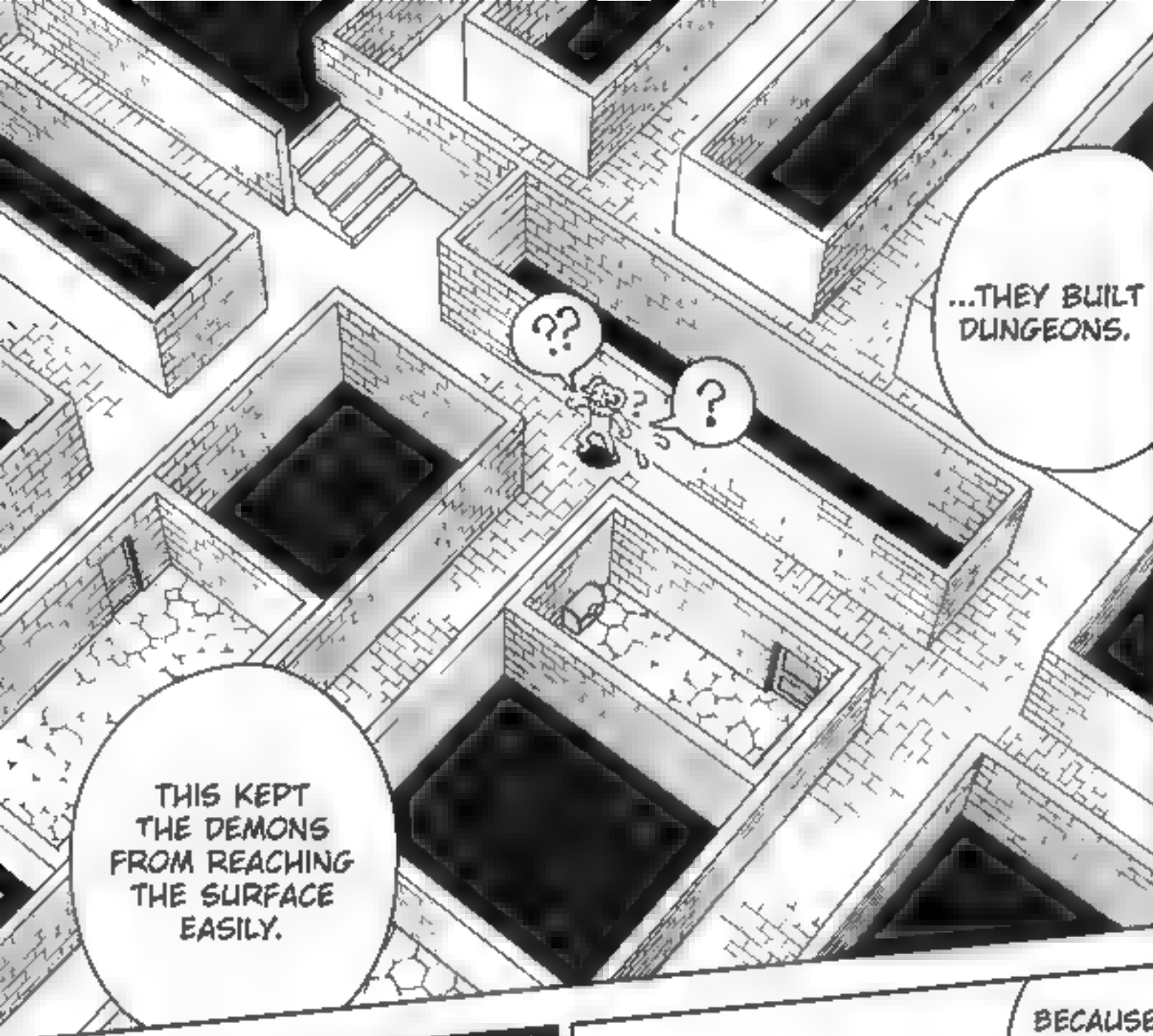












...THEY BUILT DUNGEONS.

THIS KEPT THE DEMONS FROM REACHING THE SURFACE EASILY.



THIS FRIGHT-ENED THE ANCIENTS.

TO PREVENT THE DEMONS FROM USING THE GATE AT WILL...



IN THE END, THE ANCIENTS KEPT GIVING THE DEMONS THEIR DESIRES, AND IT DESTROYED THEM.



BECAUSE IT WOULDN'T STOP ANYONE.

IT'S TRUE THAT ANY DEMON YOU MEET WILL GRANT ANY WISH.

IF THOSE IN POWER DISCOVERED THAT, WE'D HAVE TROUBLE.

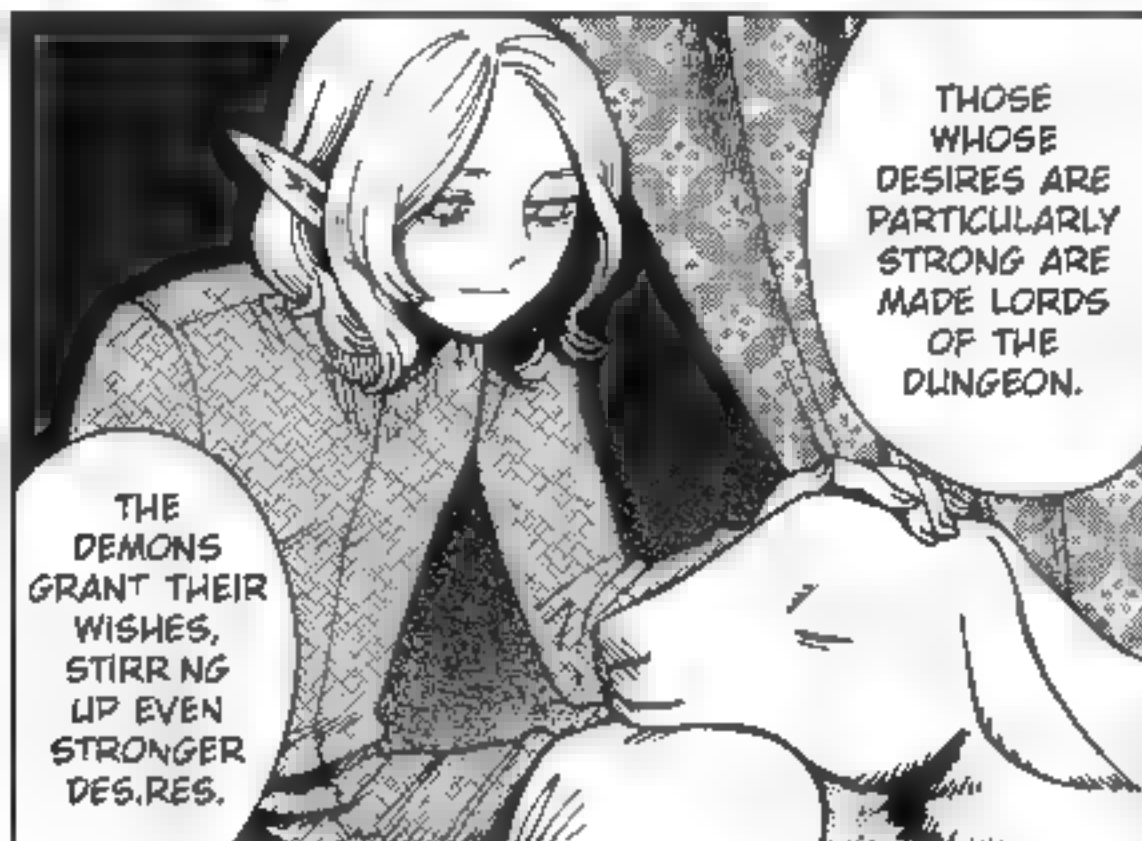


SO ANCIENT MAGIC IS A RITUAL TO SUMMON DEMONS...?

WHY DO THE ELVES KEEP THAT A SECRET?



THE MOMENT THEY'VE EATEN ENOUGH AND HAVE ENOUGH POWER...




THE DEMONS GRANT THEIR WISHES, STIRRING UP EVEN STRONGER DESIRES.

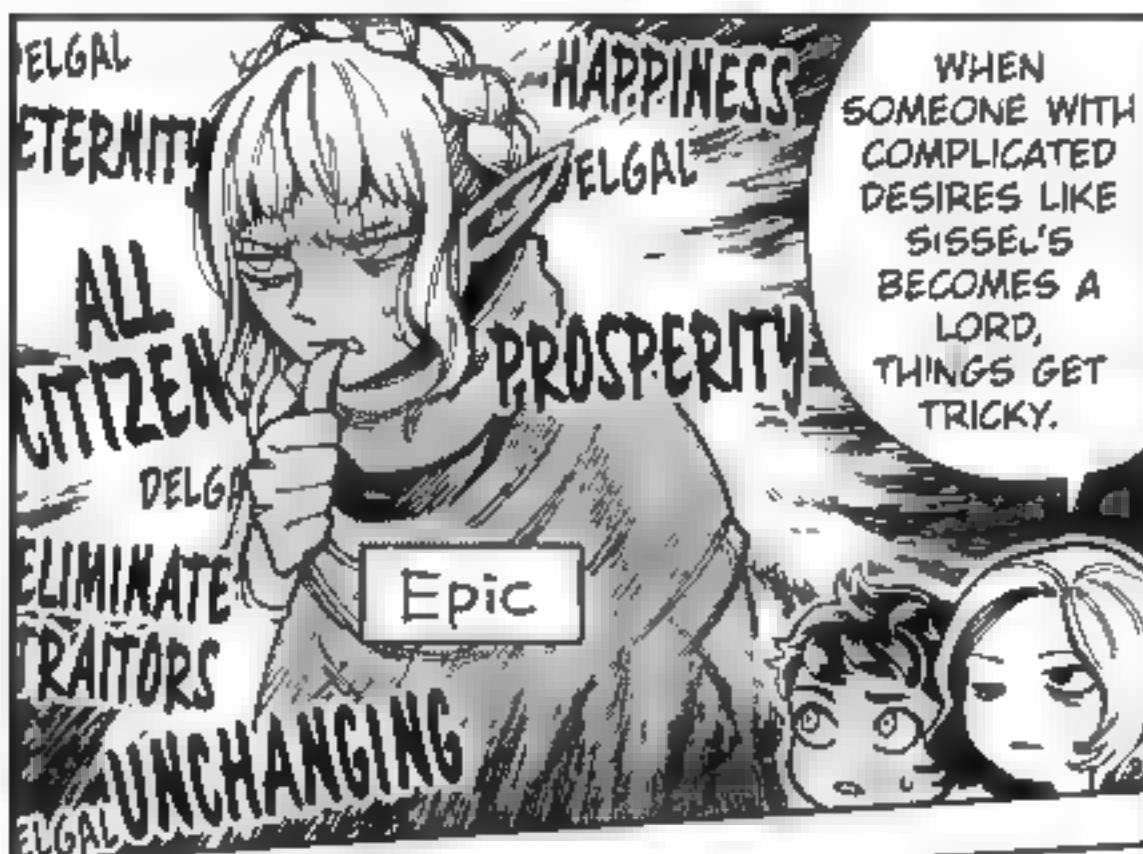
THOSE WHOSE DESIRES ARE PARTICULARLY STRONG ARE MADE LORDS OF THE DUNGEON.



NOW, THE DEMONS USE VARIOUS METHODS ... TO DRAW AS MANY PEOPLE AS THEY CAN INTO THEIR DUNGEONS.

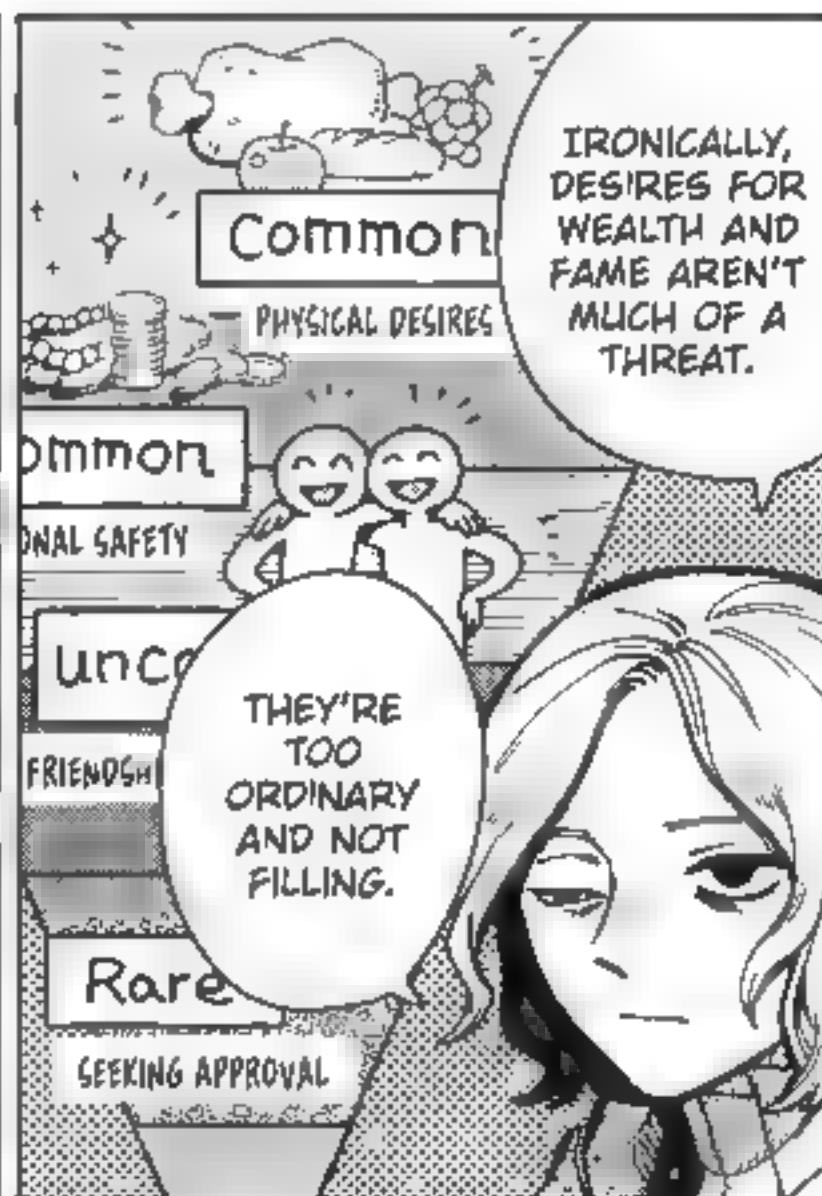


...THEY'LL
CRACK
THE SHELL
OF THEIR
DUNGEON
AND
EMERGE.



WHEN SOMEONE WITH COMPLICATED DESIRES LIKE SISSEL'S BECOMES A LORD, THINGS GET TRICKY.

Epic



IRONICALLY, DESIRES FOR WEALTH AND FAME AREN'T MUCH OF A THREAT.

Common

Physical Desires

Common

Personal Safety

Uncertainty

Friendship

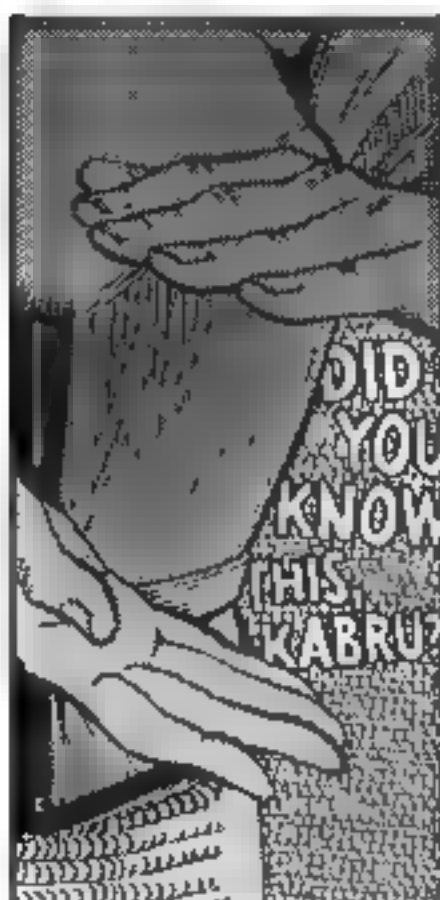
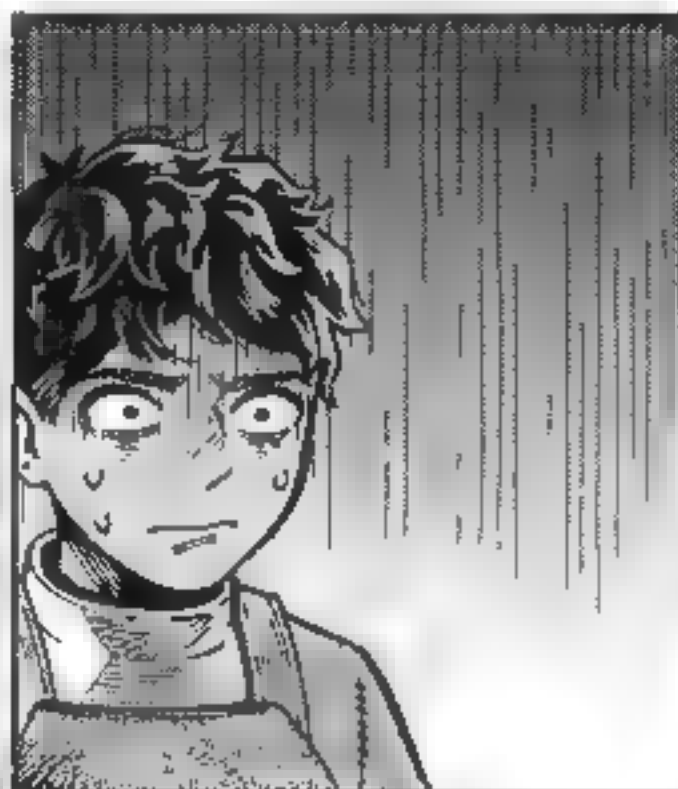
Rare

Seeking Approval

THEY'RE TOO ORDINARY AND NOT FILLING.



SO? WHAT SORT OF FELLOW IS HE?



IN ADDITION TO THAT...

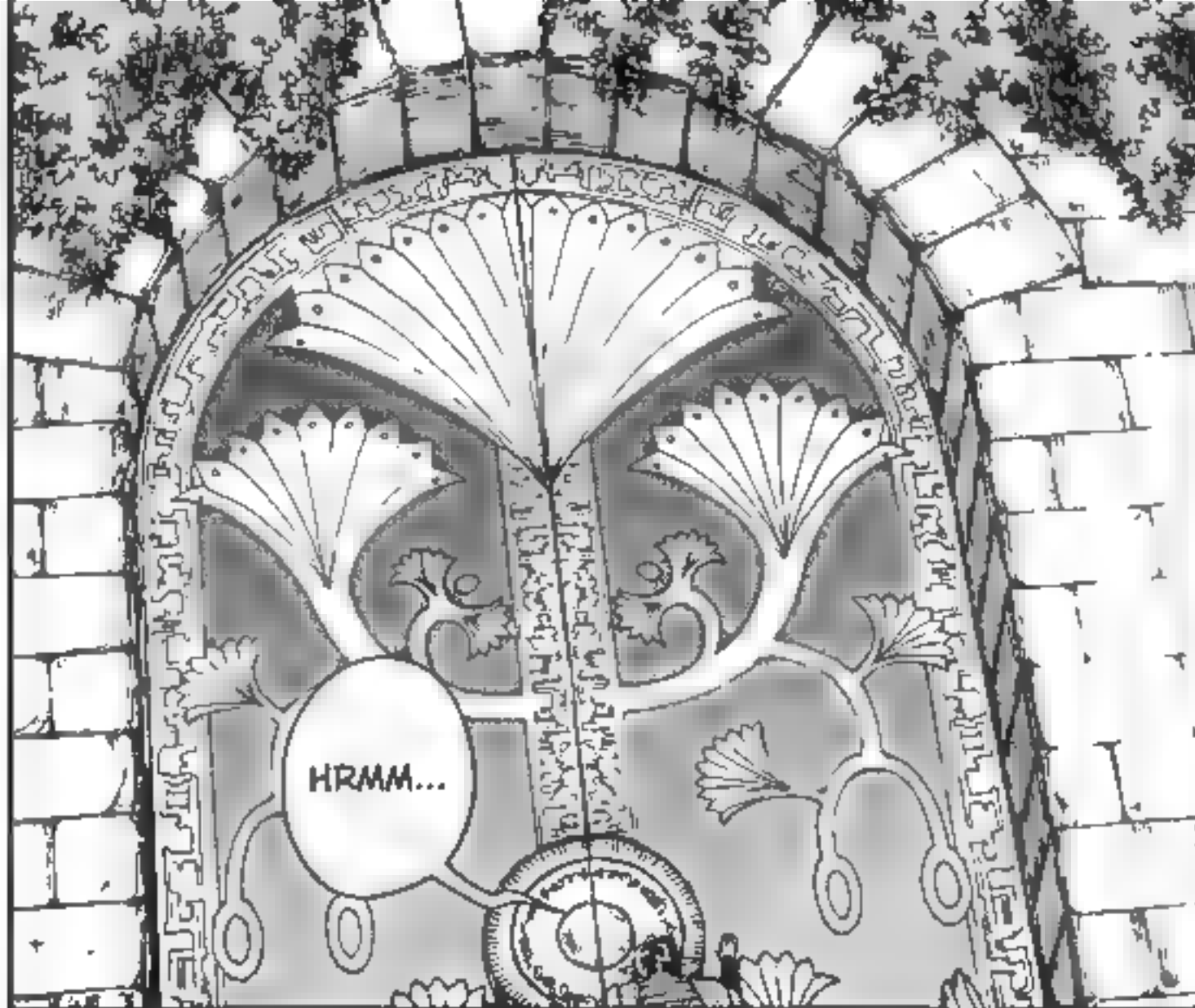
...HE...



I THINK THAT'S THE MAIN REASON, BUT...

...HE WANTS TO SAVE HIS SISTER.





DAY FIVE AFTER THE FALL



I CAN FEEL THAT THERE'S MAGIC RUNNING THROUGH IT.

THERE MUST BE SOME SORT OF MECHANISM...

I DON'T THINK IT'S JUST THAT I'M WEAK.



IT'S NOT BUDGING.



IF WE DON'T DO ANYTHING, WILL WE STAY LIKE THIS FOREVER?



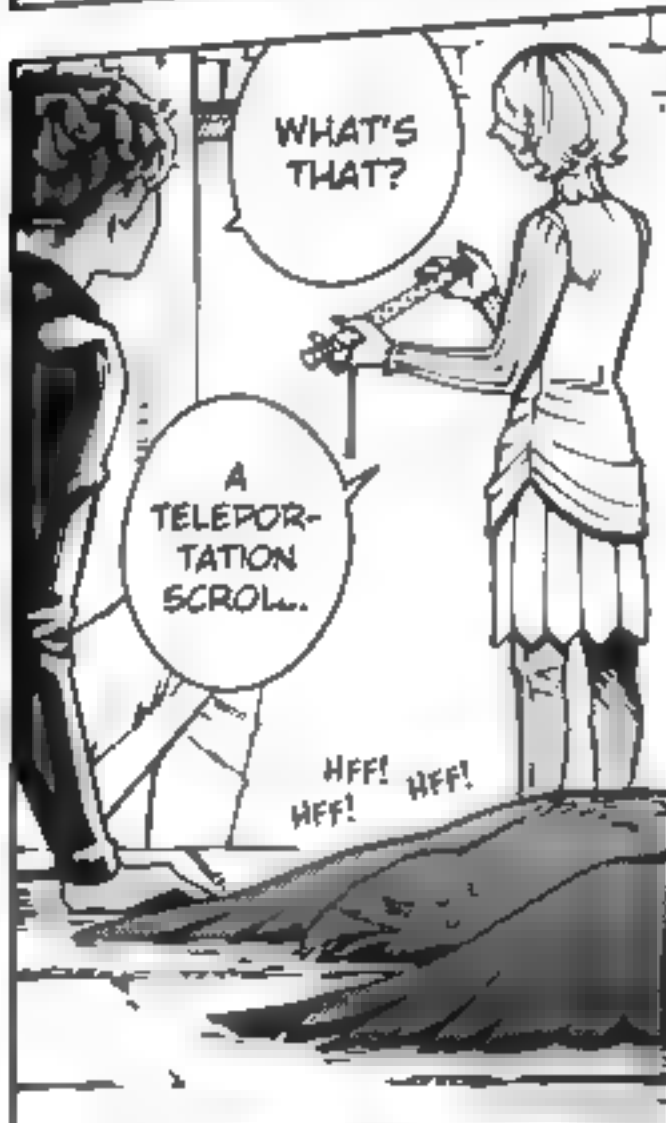
STILL... WHEN I WOKE UP AS A DIFFERENT SPECIES, I FELT COMPLETELY HOPELESS...

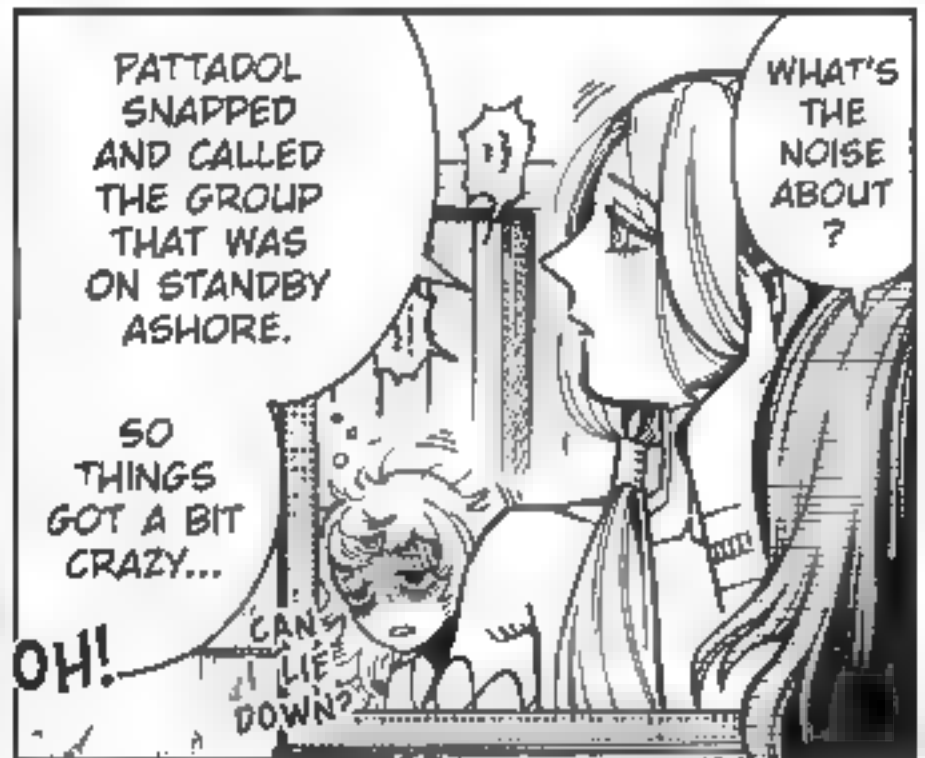
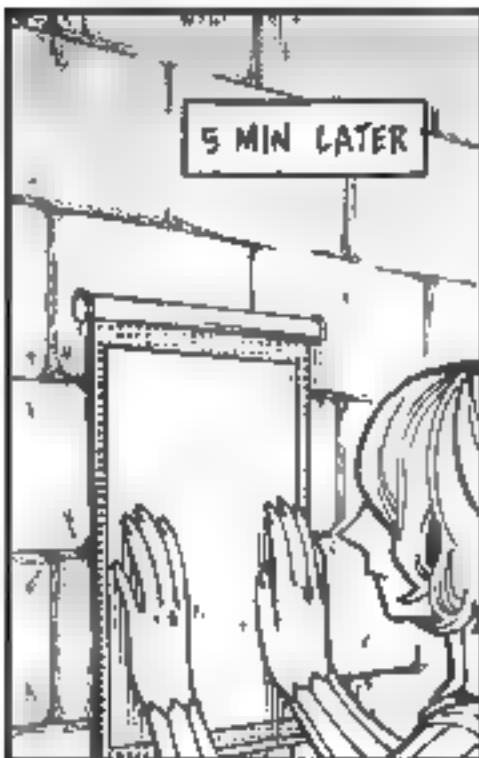
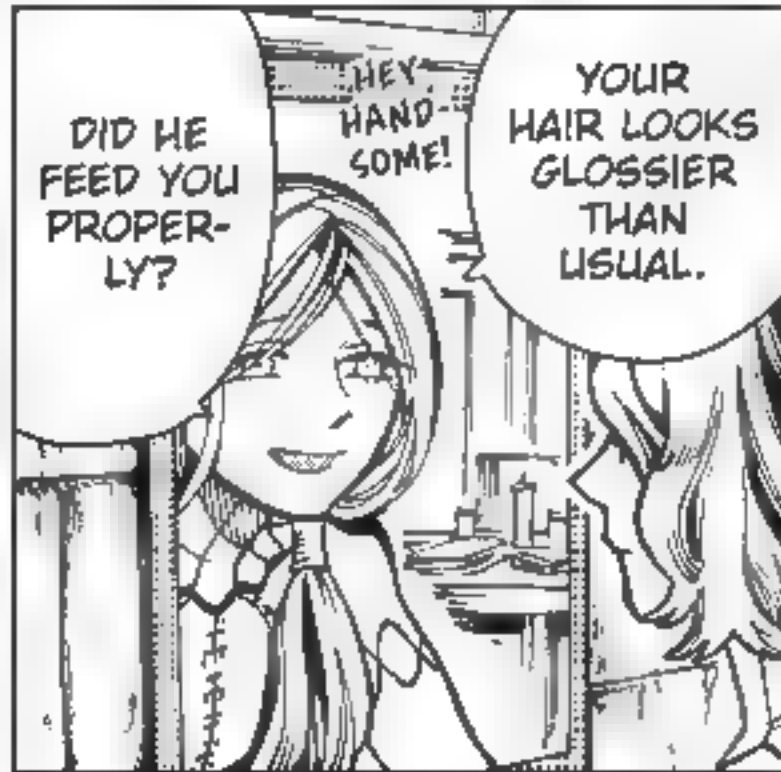
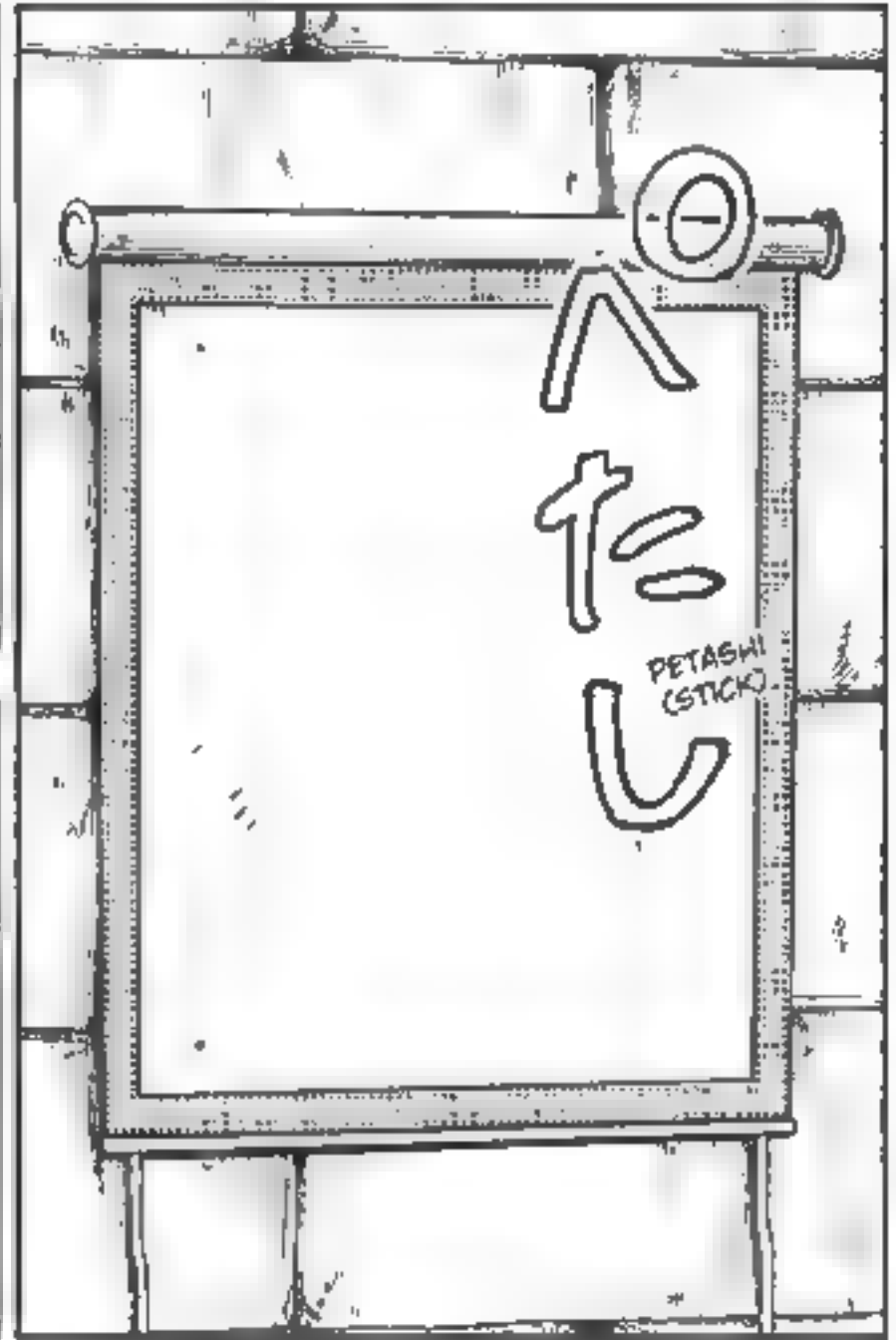
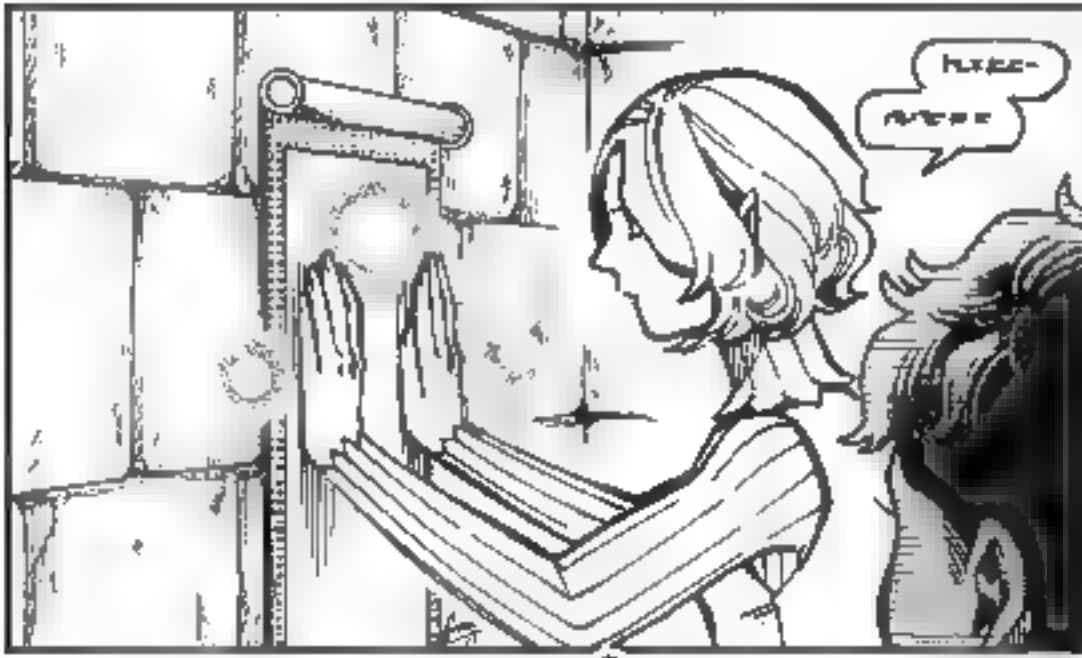
...BUT ELF BODIES ARE INTERESTING.

STILL...



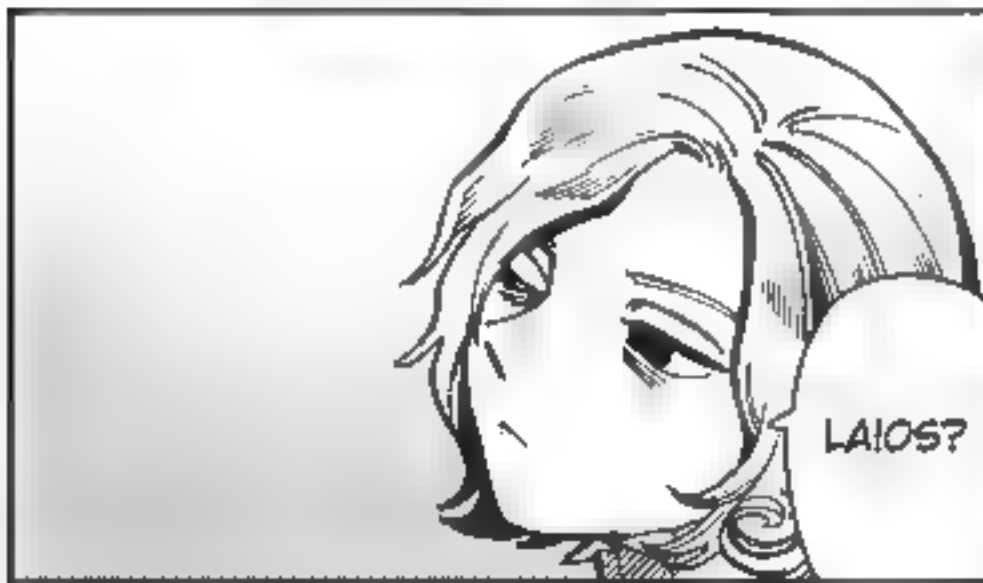
DAY SIX AFTER THE FALL











SO WHEN
I FOUND
OUT HE
WAS JUST
A MONSTER
FANATIC,
I WAS
RELIEVED.



MONEY,
FAME, OTHER
PEOPLE...

NONE OF
IT SEEMED TO
INTEREST HIM.
IT WAS EERIE.



I FIRST
TOOK AN
INTEREST
IN HIM...



...BECAUSE I
COULDN'T TELL
WHAT HE'D
BECOME AN
ADVENTURER
TO DO.

AN AWFUL
FEELING.



BUT
NOW, I
HAVE...

...A
REALLY
BAD
FEELING.

I WANT
TO TALK
TO LAIOS
ONE MORE
TIME.



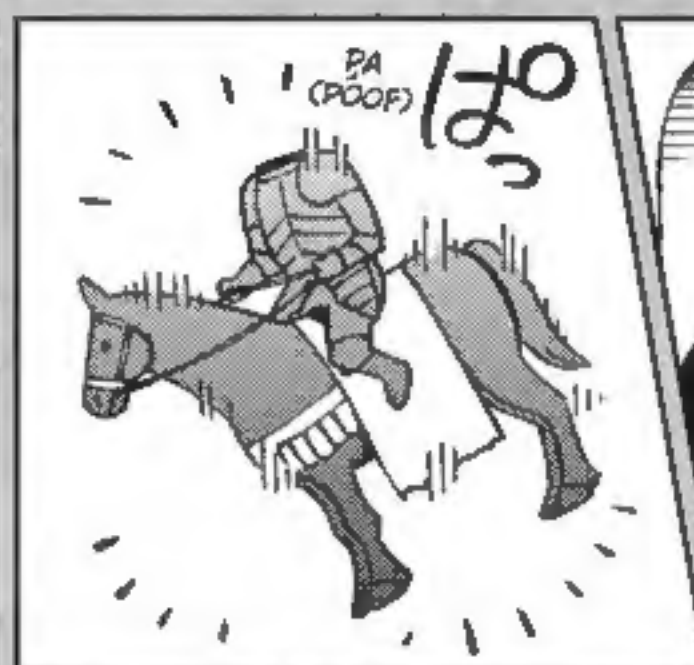
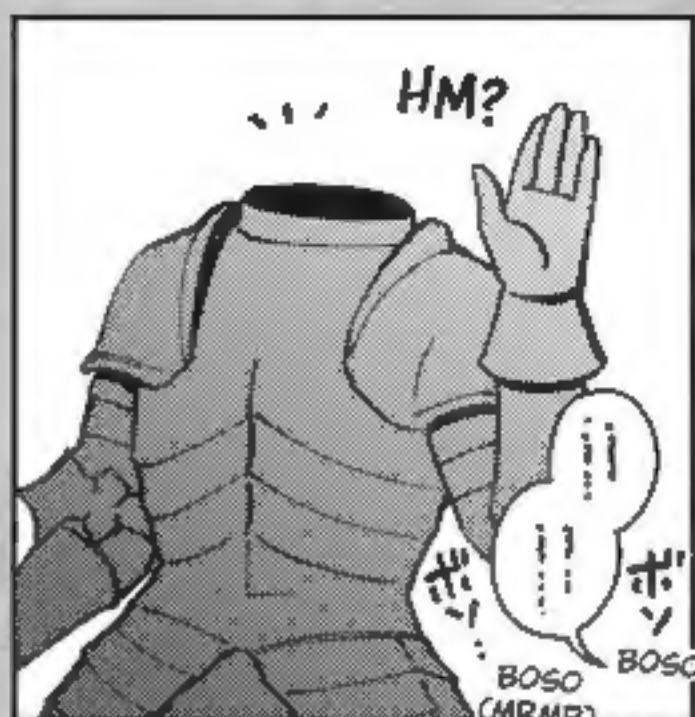
I'D LIKE
TO STAY
DOWN HERE
AND KEEP
EXPLORING.





To be continued.









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